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Trump moves to limit asylum; new rules challenged in court

President Donald Trump talks to the media before boarding Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, in Washington.

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By COLLEEN LONG
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump issued a proclamation Friday to deny asylum to

migrants who enter the country illegally, tightening the border as caravans of Central Americans slowly approach the United States. The plan was

immediately challenged in court.

Trump invoked the same powers he used last year to impose a travel ban that was upheld by the

Supreme Court. The new regulations are intended to circumvent laws stating that anyone is eligible for asylum no matter how he or she enters the country.

About 70,000 people per year who enter the country illegally claim asylum, officials said.

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China warns U.S. to avoid islands it claims in South China Sea



From left, Chinese State Councilor and Defense Minister General Wei Fenghe, Chinese Politburo Member Yang Jiechi, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, participate in a news conference at the State Department in Washington, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018.

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Yang Jiechi, who also had sharp words over U.S. support for Taiwan.

However, Yang and Chinese defense minister Wei Fenghe spoke of the need to improve cooperation, including between the U.S. and Chinese militaries, to ease the risk of conflict as the two powers jockey for pre-eminence in the Asia-Pacific.

"Cooperation is the only option for us," Wei said. "Confrontation and conflict between the two militaries will spell disaster for us all."

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis asserted U.S. rights to freedom of navigation but also said the two sides should work together on areas of common interest. "Competition does not mean hostility. Nor must it lead to conflict," Mattis said.

Although the rescheduling of the dialogue signaled an effort by the two sides to contain the slide in the relationship, it did not address the core dispute on trade. Trump has slapped tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese products, in a push to narrow the U.S. trade deficit and push back against what the U.S. views as predatory Chinese tactics on the high technology industry. Beijing has retaliated with tariffs on \$110 million worth of U.S. goods.

Yun Sun, a China expert at the Stimson Center think tank, said Beijing is uncertain about what exactly Trump wants out of a trade deal, but hopes that with U.S. midterm elections out of the way, the mercurial American president may be more inclined to reach a compromise. "Their top priority is to stabilize relations," she said.

On human rights, Pompeo voiced concern over China's treatment of religious minorities, including the mass detention of minority Uighur Muslims. But overall, the tone of the U.S. officials' public comments was milder than that of the Chinese. Yang insisted that Chinese people have freedom of religion, and that "foreign countries have no right to interfere." □

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By MATTHEW PENNINGTON, WASHINGTON (AP) — China bluntly told the United States to stop sending ships and military aircraft close to islands claimed by Beijing in the South China Sea, during talks Friday that set the stage for a meeting between President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping later this month. The U.S. pushed back, insisting it will continue to "fly, sail and operate wherever international law allows." In late September, U.S. and Chinese vessels nearly collided near a disputed reef. Despite the frank airing of differences at the meeting in Washington of the two nations' top diplomats and military chiefs, both sides stressed the need to tamp down tensions, which have flared amid a bitter trade dispute that Trump and Xi are expected to tackle at the Group of 20 summit in Argentina. "The United States is not pursuing a policy of Cold War containment with Chi-

na," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told reporters following the U.S.-China Diplomatic and Security Dialogue. "Rather we want to ensure that China acts responsibly and fairly in support of security and prosperity of each of our two countries."

The talks were due to be held in Beijing last month but were postponed after Washington announced new arms sales to Taiwan, and after a Chinese destroyer came close to the USS Decatur in late September in what the U.S. Navy called an "unsafe and unprofessional maneuver." Beijing has sweeping but disputed sovereignty claims in the area.

"The Chinese side made it clear to the United States that it should stop sending its vessels and military aircraft close to Chinese islands and reefs and stop actions that undermine Chinese authority and security interests," said Pompeo's Chinese counterpart,

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"We need people in our country, but they have to come in legally," Trump said Friday as he departed for Paris.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other legal groups swiftly sued in federal court in Northern California to block the regulations, arguing the measures were illegal.

"The president is simply trying to run roughshod over Congress's decision to provide asylum to those in danger regardless of the manner of one's entry," said ACLU attorney Lee Gelernt. The litigation also seeks to put the new rules on hold while the case progresses. The regulations go into effect Saturday. They would be in place for at least three months but could be extended, and don't affect people already in the country. The Justice Department said in a statement the regulations were lawful.

Trump's announcement was the latest push to enforce a hard-line stance on immigration through regulatory changes and presidential orders, bypassing Congress, which has not passed any immigration law reform. But those efforts have been largely thwarted by legal challenges and, in the case of family separations this year, stymied by a global outcry that prompted Trump to retreat. Officials said the asylum law changes are meant to funnel migrants through official border crossings for speedy rulings instead of having them try to circumvent such crossings on the nearly 2,000-mile (3,200-kilometer) border. The U.S. Border Patrol says it apprehended more

than 50,000 people crossing illegally in October, setting a new high this year, though illegal crossings are well below historical highs from previous decades.

But the busy ports of entry already have long lines and waits, forcing immigration officials to tell some migrants to turn around and come back to make their claims. Backlogs have become especially bad in recent months at crossings in California, Arizona and Texas, with some people waiting five weeks to try to claim asylum at San Diego's main crossing.

"The arrival of large numbers ... will contribute to the overloading of our immigration and asylum system and to the release of thousands ... into the interior of the United States," Trump said in the proclamation, calling it a crisis.

Administration officials said those denied asylum under the proclamation may be eligible for similar forms of protection if they fear returning to their countries, though they would be subject to a tougher threshold. Those forms of protection include "withholding of removal" — which is similar to asylum, but doesn't allow for green cards or bringing families — or protection under the United Nations Convention Against Torture. Homeland Security officials said they were adding staffing at the border crossings to manage the expected crush, but it's not clear how migrants, specifically families, would be held as their cases are adjudicated. Family detention centers are largely at capacity. Trump has said he wanted to erect "tent cities," but nothing has been funded. The U.S. is also working with Mexico in an effort to send



A group of Central American migrants, representing the thousands participating in a caravan trying to reach the U.S. border, undertake an hours-long march to the office of the United Nations' humans rights body in Mexico City, Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018.

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some migrants back across the border. Right now, laws allow only Mexican nationals to be swiftly returned and increasingly those claiming asylum are from Central America.

Trump pushed immigration issues hard in the days leading up to Tuesday's midterm elections, railing against the caravans that are still hundreds of miles from the border.

He has made little mention of the issue since the election, but has sent troops to the border in response. As of Thursday, there were more than 5,600 U.S. troops deployed to the border mission, with about 550 actually working on the border in Texas.

Trump also suggested he'd revoke the right to citizenship for babies born to non-U.S. citizens on American

soil and erect massive "tent cities" to detain migrants. Those issues were not addressed by the regulations. But Trump insisted the citizenship issue would be pushed through.

"We're signing it. We're doing it," he said.

The administration has long said immigration officials are drowning in asylum cases partly because people falsely claim asylum and then live in the U.S. with work permits. In 2017, the U.S. fielded more than 330,000 asylum claims, nearly double the number two years earlier and surpassing Germany as highest in the world.

Migrants who cross illegally are generally arrested and often seek asylum or some other form of protection. Claims have spiked in recent years and the immi-

gration court backlog has more than doubled to 1.1 million cases in about two years, Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse reported this week. Generally, only about 20 percent of applicants are approved. It's unclear how many people en route to the U.S. will even make it to the border. Roughly 5,000 migrants — more than 1,700 under the age of 18 — sheltered in a Mexico City sports complex decided to depart Friday for the northern city of Tijuana, opting for the longer but likely safer route to the U.S. border. Similar caravans have gathered regularly over the years and have generally dwindled by the time they reach the southern border, particularly to Tijuana. Most have passed largely unnoticed. □

Another Keystone XL setback: environmental review ordered

By **MATTHEW DALY**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a setback for the Trump administration, a federal judge has blocked a permit for construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada and ordered officials to conduct a new environmental review.

Environmentalists and tribal groups cheered the ruling by a U.S. district judge in Montana, while President Donald Trump called it "a

political decision" and "a disgrace."

The 1,184-mile (1,900 kilometer) pipeline would begin in Alberta and shuttle as much as 830,000 barrels a day of crude through a half dozen states to terminals on the Gulf Coast.

Trump has touted the \$8 billion pipeline as part of his pledge to achieve North American "energy dominance" and has contrasted his administration's quick

approval of the project with years of delay under President Barack Obama.

The Trump administration has not said whether it would appeal the new ruling. The State Department said it was reviewing the decision, but declined further comment, citing ongoing litigation.

The pipeline was first proposed by Calgary-based TransCanada in 2008. It has become the focal point

on the pipeline's viability; updated modeling of potential oil spills; and the project's effect on cultural resources of native tribes and other groups along the pipeline's route.

The review could take up to a year to complete.

Environmentalists and Native American groups had sued to stop the project, citing property rights and possible spills.

Becky Mitchell, chairwoman

of the nation's largest environmental group.

The fight over the project has spanned several presidencies and involved standoffs between protesters and law enforcement.

After years of legal wrangling, Obama rejected a permit for the pipeline in 2015. The company responded by seeking \$15 billion in damages.

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This Nov. 6, 2015, file photo shows a sign for TransCanada's Keystone pipeline facilities in Hardisty, Alberta, Canada.

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of a decade-long dispute that pits Democrats, environmental groups and Native American tribes who warn of pollution and increased greenhouse gas emissions against business groups and Republicans who cheer the project's jobs and potential energy production.

U.S. District Judge Brian Morris put a hold on the project late Thursday, ruling that the State Department had not fully considered potential oil spills and other impacts as required by federal law. He ordered the department to complete a new review that addresses issues that have emerged since the last environmental review was completed in 2014.

New topics include the cumulative effects of climate-changing greenhouse gas emissions of Keystone XL and a related pipeline that brings oil from Canada; the effects of current oil prices

an of the Northern Plains Resource Council, a plaintiff in the case, said her organization is thrilled with the ruling.

"This decision sends TransCanada back to the drawing board," Mitchell said, calling the ruling "the results of grassroots democracy in action, winning for water and people."

TransCanada said in a statement that it was reviewing the judge's 54-page decision. "We remain committed to building this important energy infrastructure project," TransCanada spokesman Terry Cunha said.

Environmental groups declared victory and predicted the long-delayed project will never be built.

The court ruling "makes it clear once and for all that it's time for TransCanada to give up on their Keystone XL pipe dream," said Doug Hayes, a senior attorney with the Sierra Club, the na-

tion's largest environmental group.

construction of the project in 2017. TransCanada had recently announced plans to start construction next year, after a State Department review ordered by Morris concluded that major environmental damage from a leak is unlikely and could quickly be mitigated. Morris said that review was inadequate.

TransCanada has promised continuous monitoring and says automatic shut-off valves would help officials quickly identify a leak or rupture.

Tom Goldtooth, executive director for the Indigenous Environmental Network, a Minnesota-based advocacy group that also is a plaintiff in the case, said the ruling was a win for tribes, water "and for the sacredness of Mother Earth."

He called the pipeline "the enemy of the people, the climate and life as we know it. It must be stopped." □



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FBI: Seattle plane thief searched online for flight videos

By SALLY HO

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Authorities say the Seattle airport ground crew worker who stole an empty commercial airplane had apparently searched online for flight instruction videos before he took off on a dizzying ride that soon crashed into a small island.

The FBI announced Friday that it's concluding the investigation into the unauthorized flight from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on August 10, after determining that 28-year-old Richard Russell of Sumner, Washington, acted alone. An FBI spokeswoman previously noted an incorrect age for him.

Russell had worked for more than three years for Horizon Air, which is part of Alaska Air Group and flies shorter routes throughout the U.S. West.

"The FBI found this was an isolated, unanticipated incident by one individual," the airline said in a statement. It also noted that the Transportation Security Administration's separate

investigation also determined Horizon Air didn't violate security regulations. The airline called it "a very difficult moment for us and many others" and said it is working with experts and the government to consider security "enhancements" going forward.

The Port of Seattle said it expects its own independent review to be finished by the end of the year and that it has taken immediate action to "improve security and fully support the aviation employees who we depend upon every day."

The FBI's probe indicates that Russell arrived for work that afternoon at the airport without any issues.

By that evening, Russell was on and off the Horizon Air Q400, a turboprop plane that seats 76 people, to position it for flight. The plane then moved away from its parked location around 7:30 p.m. and was seen performing acrobatic stunts before the fatal plunge into a thick forest on Ketron Island. It was trailed by two military F-15C jets that scrambled from



In this Aug. 13, 2018 file photo, a Horizon Air Q400 turboprop airplane, part of Alaska Air Group, is moved into position by airport workers at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in SeaTac, Wash.

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Portland, Oregon, to chase the plane.

"I think I'm going to try to do a barrel roll, and if that goes good I'll go nose down and call it a night," Russell said from the cockpit, according to a recording of his conversation with the controller.

The FBI said it doesn't appear that Russell violated any other security measures or protocols before the plane took off.

Russell was properly credentialed with access to

the interior and exterior of the aircraft. As part of his duties, he also knew about the aircraft's auxiliary power unit, tow equipment and maneuvering operations, though he didn't appear to have any formal flight training.

Investigators determined that he knew how to start up the airplane and had searched the internet for flight instructional videos. The investigation also showed that the plane had a significant sideslip in the

final minute of the flight but the crash appears intentional because Russell would have had time to pull the plane back into a climb. Instead, the plane column moved further forward for six seconds before the crash.

Investigators didn't find any signs of any co-conspirators or Russell addressing a motive for the incident, based on its review of his text messages, including those sent that night, and through interviews with his co-workers, friends and family.

Russell was last heard cracking jokes, complimenting the professional demeanor of an air traffic controller and apologizing for making a fuss in his last moments. He also told the controller he "wasn't really planning on landing" the aircraft, and he described himself as "just a broken guy." The medical examiner's office in its review ruled the death a suicide caused by multiple traumatic injuries, and noted that "there is sufficient evidence to conclude that the death was intentional." □

Alaska Native summit to bring fluent speakers together

By RACHEL D'ORO

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— An upcoming summit will bring together the last remaining speakers of three indigenous languages of Alaska, organizers said Friday.

Nearly 70 speakers of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian are expected to attend the three-day event in Juneau that begins Nov. 13, according to Sealaska Heritage Institute officials. The institute has counted 133

speakers of those languages who live in the region or who are affiliated it.

The summit is among multiple language revitalization efforts by the nonprofit organization, institute President Rosita Worl said in a phone interview.

The event follows a September action by Gov. Bill Walker, who declared an emergency for Alaska Native languages. The order was prompted by a report this year that warned the

languages could become extinct by the century's end.

Worl, however, said she refuses to say the languages are dying. Much work has been done and is being done by Native people to ensure their languages survive, she said. The summit will honor and recognize those who have held on to their languages.

"People might think that we are in mourning because we are losing our



This Jan. 18, 2018, file photo shows Sealaska Heritage Institute President Rosita Worl at her office in Juneau, Alaska.

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fluent speakers," Worl said. "I want to celebrate our fluent speakers. I want to celebrate that they were able

to retain our Native languages even in the face of all of the forces to suppress Native languages." □

Northern California wildfire nearly quadruples in size

By DON THOMPSON and PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

PARADISE, Calif. (AP) — A wildfire that moved so fast firefighters didn't even try to stop it killed five people, authorities said Friday as the blaze quadrupled in size after leveling much of a Northern California town of nearly 30,000 people.

Only a day after it began, the fire near the town of Paradise had grown to nearly 110 square miles (285 square kilometers), and investigators found five people dead in vehicles that were torched by the flames.

"There was really no firefight involved," said Capt. Scott McLean of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, explaining that crews gave up attacking the flames and instead helped people evacuate. "These firefighters were in the rescue mode all day yesterday."

The entire town was ordered evacuated, setting off a desperate exodus in which many motorists got stuck in gridlocked traffic and abandoned their vehicles to flee foot. People reported seeing much of the community go up in flames, including homes, supermarkets, businesses, restaurants, schools and a retirement center.

The dead were found in the same part of Paradise, the Butte County Sheriff's Office said.

Rural areas fared little better. Many homes have propane tanks that were exploding amid the flames. "They were going off like bombs," said Karen Auday, who escaped to a nearby town.

McLean estimated that the lost buildings numbered in the thousands in Paradise, about 180 miles (290 kilometers) northeast of San Francisco.

"Pretty much the community of Paradise is destroyed. It's that kind of devastation," he said.

With fires burning in both Northern and Southern California, the director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services put



Flames consume a Kentucky Fried Chicken as the Camp Fire tears through Paradise, Calif., on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018.

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the number of people forced from their homes at 157,000.

The massive blaze that hit Paradise spread north Friday, prompting officials to order the evacuation of Stirling City and Inskip, two communities north of Paradise along the Sierra Nevada foothills.

The wind-driven flames also spread to the west and reached the edge of Chico, a city of 90,000 people. Firefighters were able to stop the fire at the edge of the city, where evacuation orders remained in place Friday, Cal Fire Cpt. Bill Murphy said.

The winds calmed down in the valley, but they were still shifting and erratic, with speeds of up to 45 mph (72 kph) along ridge tops, he said.

With ash falling and the sky darkening to a menacing shade of black, evacuees from Paradise sat in

stunned silence Friday outside a Chico church where they took refuge the night before. They all had harrowing tales of a slow-motion escape from a fire so close they could feel the heat inside their vehicles as they sat stuck in a terrifying traffic jam.

When the order came to evacuate, it was like the entire town of 27,000 residents decided to leave at once, they said. Fire surrounded the evacuation route, and drivers panicked. Some crashed and others left their vehicles by the roadside.

"It was just a wall of fire on each side of us, and we could hardly see the road in front of us," police officer Mark Bass said.

A nurse called Rita Miller at about 7 a.m. Thursday, telling her she had to get her disabled mother, who lives a few blocks away, and flee Paradise immediately.

Miller jumped in her boyfriend's rickety pickup truck, which was low on gas and equipped with a bad transmission. She instantly found herself stuck in gridlock.

"I was frantic," she said. After an hour of no movement, she abandoned the truck and decided to try her luck on foot. While walking, a stranger in the traffic jam rolled down her window asked Miller if she needed help. Miller at first she scoffed at the notion of getting back in a stopped car. The she reconsidered, thinking: "I'm really scared, this is terrifying, I can't breathe, I can't see and maybe I should humble myself and get in this woman's car."

The stranger ended up helping Miller pack up her mother and taking them to safety in Chico, which took three hours to travel the 14 miles from Paradise to Chico.

Concerned friends and family posted frantic messages on Twitter and other sites saying they were looking for loved ones, particularly seniors who lived at retirement homes or alone. Bass evacuated his family from Paradise and returned to the fire to help rescue several disabled residents, including a man trying to carry his bedridden wife to safety.

Chico police officer John Barker and his partner evacuated several elderly people from an apartment complex.

"Most of them were immobile, with walkers or spouses that were bedridden, so we were trying to get additional units to come and try and help us, just taking as many as we could," he said.

Kelly Lee called shelters looking for her husband's 93-year-old grandmother, Dorothy Herrera, who was last heard from Thursday morning. Herrera, who lives in Paradise with her 88-year-old husband, Lou, left a frantic voicemail around 9:30 a.m. saying they needed to get out.

"We never heard from them again," Lee said. "We're worried sick. ... They do have a car, but they both are older and can be confused at times."

In Southern California, about two-thirds of the city of Malibu was ordered evacuated early Friday as a ferocious wildfire roared toward the beachside community that is home to about 13,000 residents, some of them Hollywood celebrities.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department tweeted that the fire raging through the Santa Monica Mountains was headed to the ocean. Another fire was burning farther west in Ventura County, also moving toward the ocean.

The National Weather Service issued extreme fire danger warnings in many areas of the state, saying low humidity and strong winds were expected to continue through the evening. □

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Official: Shooter debated sanity online during bar massacre

By JONATHAN J. COOPER and MICHAEL BALSAMO
THOUSAND OAKS, Calif.

(AP) — The gunman who killed 12 people at a country music bar in Southern California went on social media during the attack and posted about his mental state and whether people would believe he was sane, a law enforcement official said Friday.

Also, one of the possibilities investigators are looking into is whether gunman Ian David Long believed his former girlfriend would be at the bar, the official said. Authorities have not determined a motive for Wednesday's night rampage at the Borderline Bar and Grill.

The official — who was briefed on the investigation but not authorized to discuss it publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity — would not give additional details on what the 28-year-old former Marine posted on his Facebook and Instagram accounts. Neither Facebook nor Instagram had any immediate comment.

Long, a former machine gunner who served in Afghanistan, opened fire with a handgun during college night at the bar, then apparently killed himself as scores of police officers closed in.

As investigators worked to figure out what set him off, President Donald Trump blamed mental illness, describing the gunman as "a very sick puppy" who had "a lot of problems."

Investigators have not

commented on whether mental illness played a role in the rampage. But a mental health specialist who assessed Long after sheriff's deputies responded to a call about his agitated behavior last spring worried he might be suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The incident happened in April, when yelling and loud banging noises coming from the home Long shared with his mother prompted a next-door neighbor to call authorities. The mental health specialist concluded there were no grounds to have him involuntarily committed.

At the White House, Trump touted his efforts to fund work on PTSD among veterans. He declined to engage on questions on whether the nation needs stricter gun control laws.

The dead in the shooting rampage included sheriff's Sgt. Ron Helus, a 29-year veteran gunned down as he entered the bar, and Telemachus Orfanos, 27, who survived last year's massacre in Las Vegas, where a gunman in a high-rise hotel opened killed 58 people at an outdoor country music festival.

Authorities in Thousand Oaks described an assault of military efficiency. None of those injured was hurt by gunfire, authorities said. Instead, when Long shot, he killed.

"Every Marine is trained in urban warfare and indoor gun fighting," said Marc Bender, an instructor for emergency responders in Riverside County, Cali-



Ventura County Sheriff's Office Capt. Garo Kuredjian, left, embraces chaplains with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (RRT) as they pray near the site of Wednesday's mass shooting in Thousand Oaks, Calif., Friday Nov. 9, 2018.

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fornia. "Every Marine is a marksman."

Julie Hanson, who lives next door to the Longs' ranch-style home, described him as "odd" and "disrespectful" well before he left home a decade ago, got married and enlisted in the Marines. She could often hear him yelling and cursing, but several months ago unusually loud banging and shouting prompted her husband to call authorities.

"I was concerned because I knew he had been in the military," Tom Hanson said. About 18 months ago, Don and Effie MacLeod heard "an awful argument" and what he believes was a gunshot from the Longs' property. Don MacLeod said he did not call police

but avoided speaking with Ian Long.

"I told my wife, 'Just be polite to him. If he talks, just acknowledge him, don't go into conversation with him,'" Don MacLeod said. Long made others feel uncomfortable going back to his teens.

Dominique Colell, who coached girls' track and field at the high school where Long was a sprinter, remembers an angry young man who could be verbally and physically combative. In one instance, Colell said Long used his fingers to mimic shooting her in the back of the head as she talked to another athlete. In another, he grabbed her rear and mid-section after she refused to return a cell-

phone he said was his.

"I literally feared for myself around him," Colell said in an interview. "He was the only athlete that I was scared of."

Colell said she wanted to kick Long off the team but the boy's coach urged her to reconsider because that could compromise his goal of joining the Marines. She relented when, at the next track meet, Long apologized in front of several coaches and administrators.

Attempts to get comment by phone and in person from officials at Newbury Park High School and its school district were unsuccessful — both were closed due to a destructive wildfire in the area. □

A century after fighting for Paris, leaders mark armistice

By **RAF CASERT**
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Paris, the City of Light, always was the grandest prize of World War I, either to conquer or defend.

So it is only fitting that when victors and vanquished meet to mark the centennial of the armistice this weekend, the biggest ceremony should be on the famed Champs-Elysees at the Arc de Triomphe.

On Friday, some leaders began remembrance events in a wide crescent of cemeteries and trench-rutted battlefields north of the capital.

British Prime Minister Theresa May laid wreaths for the first and last British soldier killed in the fighting — the two were buried across one another near Mons in southern Belgium. One grave holds the remains of Pvt. John Parr, killed Aug. 21, 1914. The other grave is of Pvt. George Ellison, who survived some of the war's worst battles but was shot on Nov. 11, 1918 — the war's last day.

French President Emman-



British Prime Minister Theresa May, center, and Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel, right, lay wreaths at the graves of British World War I soldiers John Parr and George Ellison at the St. Symphorien cemetery in Mons, Belgium, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018.

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uel Macron continued his pilgrimage of WWI sites and caught up with May, as the two present day leaders of the Allied forces that defeated Germany walked past graves at the Thiepval memorial.

"Each cemetery and memorial across the world is

a unique and poignant reminder of the cost of the First World War," said May. Sixty-nine heads of state and government will underscore that message at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month on Sunday, ex-

actly a century after the armistice.

Such was the symbolic importance of the French capital that victorious U.S. Gen. John J. Pershing said it was his "desire that every man in the American Expeditionary Forces should be given the opportunity to

visit Paris before returning to the United States."

Far from every surviving U.S. soldier from the 1914-1918 war made it to the French capital, but on Sunday, President Donald Trump will join his French counterpart and host, Emmanuel Macron, and others to remember the millions who died during the first global conflict.

Alan Seeger, the American poet that Macron lauded in his speech to the U.S. Congress last year, already captured the seeds of reconciliation in 1916 when he wrote, as a soldier in the French Foreign Legion, that "I never took arms out of any hatred against Germany or the Germans, but purely out of love for France."

Like other leaders visiting national cemeteries dotted around northern France, Trump will visit two burial sites that highlight how the United States came of age as a military power after it joined the war in 1917 and set it up to become a dominating force for the next century. □

French government sounds alarm over rising anti-Semitic acts

By **ANGELA CHARLTON**
ALEX TURNBULL

PARIS (AP) — France's prime minister sounded the alarm Friday over a sharp rise in anti-Semitic acts this year, pledging to increase efforts to punish perpetrators and police hate speech that is flourishing online.

Resurgent anti-Semitism is of national concern in a country with Europe's largest Jewish population, which still struggles to wash away the stain of collaboration with the Nazis and in recent years has seen deadly Islamic extremist attacks targeting Jewish sites. Prime Minister Edouard Philippe announced on his Facebook page a 69 percent rise in the number of anti-Semitic acts reported to police in the first nine months of 2018 compared to the same period last year.

The government couldn't



In this Sunday, April 30, 2017 file picture, independent centrist presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron looks at some of the 2,500 photographs of young Jews deported from France, during a visit to the Shoah memorial in Paris, France.

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give a reason for the rise, but Jewish leaders lamented the explosion of hate speech online and beyond. "There's this feeling that something has opened up, a gateway to intolerance and hate," said rabbi and researcher Delphine Horvileur. "Words kill. It starts with

words and very quickly they turn into acts," she said, noting the recent deadly attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. Despite years of French government efforts to fight it, "we are very far from having finished with anti-Semitism," the prime min-

ister wrote. He expressed particular concern because overall, anti-Semitic acts had been on the decline in recent years.

The government won't release specific figures until the end of the year. Over all of 2017, the government reported 311 anti-Semitic acts, from threats to swastikas on Jewish gravesites to physical attacks on people wearing kippas. That was down from 335 the year before, but the number of violent anti-Semitic acts rose, along with anti-Muslim and other violent hate crimes.

The Interior Ministry said part of the recent rise could be attributed to a government push over the past year to encourage people to report hate crimes, including a new online portal to file police reports.

The prime minister promised new measures to better handle victims and pun-

ish perpetrators, to take down potentially violent hate speech online more quickly and to help teachers who report anti-Semitic behavior.

"Each attack against one of our compatriots because he or she is Jewish resonates like new broken glass," the prime minister said, in reference to the mass crackdown on Jews throughout Germany and Austria on Nov. 9, 1938 known as the Night of Broken Glass, or Kristallnacht. "It is up to each French person to mobilize 'for' something: for life together, for France's identity, for the values of the Republic."

Islamic extremists targeted a Jewish school and kosher supermarket in two of France's most deadly terrorist attacks in recent years, and some blame Islamic radicalism for resurgent anti-Semitism in France. □

Letter shows a fearful Einstein long before Nazis' rise

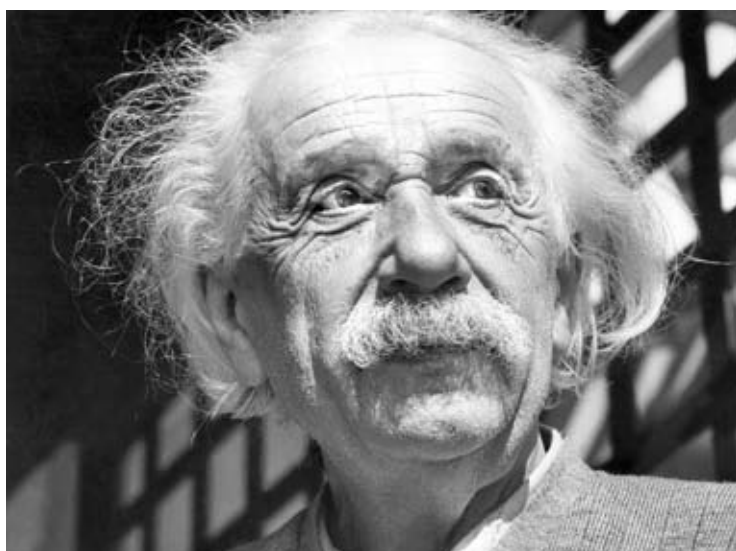
By ARON HELLER

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — More than a decade before the Nazis seized power in Germany, Albert Einstein was on the run and already fearful for his country's future, according to a newly revealed handwritten letter.

His longtime friend and fellow Jew, German Foreign Minister Walther Rathenau, had just been assassinated by right-wing extremists and police had warned the noted physicist that his life could be in danger too. So Einstein fled Berlin and went into hiding in northern Germany. It was during this hiatus that he penned a handwritten letter to his beloved younger sister, Maja, warning of the dangers of growing nationalism and anti-Semitism years before the Nazis ultimately rose to power, forcing Einstein to flee his native Germany for good.

"Out here, nobody knows where I am, and I'm believed to be away on a trip," he wrote in August 1922. "Here are brewing economically and politically dark times, so I'm happy to



This June, 1954, file photo shows renowned physicist Albert Einstein in Princeton, N.J. More than a decade before the Nazis seized power in Germany, Albert Einstein was on the run and already fearful for his country's future, according to a newly revealed handwritten letter.

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be able to get away from everything."

The previously unknown letter, brought forward by an anonymous collector, is set to go on auction next week in Jerusalem with an opening asking price of \$12,000. As the most influential scientist of the 20th century, Einstein's life and writings have been thoroughly researched. The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, of which Einstein was a founder, houses the world's larg-

est collection of Einstein material. Together with the California Institute of Technology it runs the Einstein Papers Project. Individual auctions of his personal letters have brought in substantial sums in recent years.

The 1922 letter shows he was concerned about Germany's future a full year before the Nazis even attempted their first coup — the failed Munich Beer Hall Putsch to seize power in Ba-

varia.

"This letter reveals to us the thoughts that were running through Einstein's mind and heart at a very preliminary stage of Nazi terror," said Meron Eren, co-owner of the Kedem Auction House in Jerusalem, which obtained the letter and offered it. The Associated Press a glimpse before the public sale. "The relationship between Albert and Maja was very special and close, which adds another dimension to Einstein the man and greater authenticity to his writings."

The letter, which bears no return address, is presumed to have been written while he was staying in the port city of Kiel before embarking on a lengthy speaking tour across Asia.

"I'm doing pretty well, despite all the anti-Semites among the German colleagues. I'm very reclusive here, without noise and without unpleasant feelings, and am earning my money mainly independent of the state, so that I'm really a free man," he wrote. "You see, I am about to become some kind of itinerant preacher. That is,

firstly, pleasant and, secondly, necessary."

Addressing his sister's concerns, Einstein writes: "Don't worry about me, I myself don't worry either, even if it's not quite kosher, people are very upset. In Italy, it seems to be at least as bad."

Later in 1922, Einstein was awarded the Nobel Prize in physics.

Ze'ev Rosenkranz, the assistant director of the Einstein Papers Project at Caltech, said the letter wasn't the first time Einstein warned about German anti-Semitism, but it captured his state of mind at this important junction after Rathenau's killing and the "internal exile" he imposed on himself shortly after it. "Einstein's initial reaction was one of panic and a desire to leave Germany for good. Within a week, he had changed his mind," he said. "The letter reveals a mindset rather typical of Einstein in which he claims to be impervious to external pressures. One reason may be to assuage his sister's concerns. Another is that he didn't like to admit that he was stressed about external factors." □

Hamas gets funds from Qatar to pay civil servants' salaries

By FARES AKRAM

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)

— Gaza's Hamas rulers lauded on Friday what they described as a gain of their weekly protests along Gaza-Israel perimeter fence, which have often turned deadly, after receiving \$15 million from Qatar to help pay the salaries of the territory's civil servants.

"Today, we see some fruits of the protests — the partial breaking of the siege on Gaza," Khalil al-Hayya, a senior Hamas official, told reporters at a protest in east Gaza City, referring to the grant. "We are still waiting for the implementation of all other understandings."

Since March, the Islamic militant group has orchestrated weekly demonstrations along the fence, in large part against a blockade Israel and Egypt im-

posed when it seized Gaza in 2007.

Qatar, Egypt and the United Nations, acting as go-betweens for Hamas and Israel, intensified their shuttle diplomacy in recent weeks after a full-blown war between Hamas and Israel appeared imminent. The Qatari grant is part of indirect Hamas-Israel understandings to improve living conditions for Gaza's 2 million people and subsequently scale down the border protests, in which 170 Palestinians and an Israeli soldier have been killed since they began in March.

The closure squeezed Hamas financially. Recent budget cuts by the West Bank-based administration of President Mahmoud Abbas have worsened the situation for Gaza's rulers,



A masked protester waves his national flag near the fence of Gaza Strip border with Israel during a protest east of Gaza City, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018.

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preventing them from paying complete salaries to their 40,000 employees.

But on Thursday, a Qatari envoy brought the money through Israel in three suitcases. They were the first installment of \$90 million that Qatar has pledged to cover salaries and other

humanitarian operations for six months.

Employees reporting to the group lined up outside Hamas-affiliated banks and post offices — typically shut for the weekend on Fridays — to receive 60 percent of their long-overdue salaries. In recent

months, they had instead received smaller stipends every 40 days. Hamas says the monthly disbursements will gradually increase.

Alongside the cash deliveries, Hamas demands an expansion of the permissible fishing zone off Gaza beach, uninterrupted flow of fuel to mitigate chronic power shortages and the lifting of Israeli restrictions on exports and imports, a Hamas official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

For the second week in a row, the Palestinians kept Friday's protests carefully restrained, burning fewer tires and refraining from breaching the fence to avoid drawing a lethal response from the Israeli military. □

Pakistani Christians, an embattled minority

By KATHY GANNON

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The uproar surrounding Asia Bibi — a Pakistani Christian woman who was acquitted of blasphemy charges and released from death row but remains at a secret location for her protection — has drawn attention to the plight of the country's Christians.

The minority, among Pakistan's poorest, has faced an increasingly intolerant atmosphere in this Muslim-majority nation where radical religious and sectarian groups have become more prominent in recent years. Here is a look at some of the issues involved.



Pakistani religious students attend sanctity of prophethood rally in Peshawar, Pakistan, Nov. 9, 2018.

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WHY HER RELEASE IGNITED AN UPROAR

Bibi's Oct. 31 acquittal by Pakistan's supreme court triggered large-scale protests, with religious extremists demanding the 54-year-old mother of five be publicly executed — and that the three judges who set her free also be put to death.

Her ordeal started in 2009 after two fellow women farmworkers refused to drink from the same container as a Christian, and later said Bibi had insulted the Prophet Muhammad. The claim led to her arrest and 2010 death sentence on blasphemy charges. In Pakistan, a mere accusation of blasphemy has

caused riots, even lynching.

Rights groups have said Pakistan's blasphemy law is often used as an excuse to settle scores, or as a weapon against religious minorities, including Shiite Muslims who are at times targeted by Sunni Muslim militants as heretics.

Bibi has been in hiding in Islamabad since her release earlier this week. Her family says she will leave Pakistan as soon as possible because of death threats against her.

WHO THE PAKISTANI CHRISTIANS ARE

There are about 1.3 million Christians in Pakistan, a predominantly Sunni Muslim

country of 204 million people. The Christians are the second-largest minority, after Hindus, and are almost evenly divided between Catholic and Protestant denominations.

The Christian population grew at the time of Pakistan's creation in 1947, when the Indian subcontinent was divided into two nations. At the time, many lower caste Hindus, living in what would become Pakistan, converted to Christianity. They were among the region's poorest and held jobs many others didn't want.

Although some Christians have risen to senior positions, including A.R. Cornelius who served as Paki-

stan's chief justice, many live in impoverished communities commonly referred to as "sweeper colonies" because residents are employed as domestic and sanitation workers.

HOW PAKISTAN'S GOVERNMENTS HAVE TREATED CHRISTIANS

The rise of Islamic radicalism in Pakistan has left the country's minority religions vulnerable. The blasphemy law, which carries the death penalty for anyone convicted of insulting Islam, has been used at times as a tool against minorities. Christian churches and homes have been attacked by crowds invoking the law.

Prime Minister Imran Khan, elected in July, in part on an Islamic agenda, has vacillated between criticizing religious parties for using religion to enhance their influence, and bowing to their demands, including firing minorities from government-appointed positions.

In Bibi's case, Khan seemingly caved to the Islamists' demand to have her acquittal reviewed in an appeal — though some suspected he was trying to buy time to disperse the protesters.

Analysts say mixed signals from the government only embolden extremists. Minority religious leaders also say the poverty of the Christian minority sharply reduces their political clout.

HOW CHRISTIANS ARE FARING IN OTHER MUSLIM-MAJORITY COUNTRIES

Egypt's Christians, who make up about 10 percent of the country's 100 million Muslim-majority population, have long complained of discrimination and underrepresentation in government. Sectarian violence occasionally erupts in rural communities where Christian churches have been torched. Overwhelmingly, attacks on Egyptian Copts have been carried out by Islamist extremists, mainly the Islamic State group, which has killed scores of Christians in recent years. □

4 car bombs explode by hotel in Somalia's capital; 20 dead



An injured civilian walks away from the scene after being wounded in a bomb blast near the Sahafi hotel in the capital Mogadishu, Somalia, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018.

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MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)

— Four car bombs by Islamic extremists exploded outside a hotel in the capital, Mogadishu, Friday afternoon killing at least 20 people and injuring 17, said police.

After the three explosions in front of the hotel, a fourth blast hit as medics attempted to rescue the injured.

The suicide bombs detonated near the perimeter wall of the Sahafi Hotel, which is located across the street from the Somali Police Force's Criminal Investigations Department, said

Capt. Mohamed Hussein. Some of the victims were burned beyond recognition when one car bomb exploded next to a minibus, he said.

Somali security forces shot dead four gunmen who tried to storm through a hole blown into the hotel's wall but did not succeed in entering, he said.

"Although they failed to access the hotel, the blasts outside the hotel killed many people," said Hussein.

"The street was crowded with people and cars, bod-

ies were everywhere," said Hussein Nur, a shopkeeper who suffered light shrapnel injuries on his right hand. "Gunfire killed several people, too."

Somalia's Islamic extremist rebels, al-Shabab, claimed responsibility for the bombs, according to the group's Adalus radio station.

Among the dead was the manager of the Sahafi Hotel, whose father was the owner of the hotel before he was killed in an al-Shabab attack on establishment in 2015, said police Capt. Hussein. □

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Okinawa governor wants US to know burden of hosting bases

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — The outspoken governor of Japan's Okinawa island said Friday he will meet with American officials next week to convey the frustration of residents from hosting U.S. military bases on the southern island.

Denny Tamaki said he will meet with officials in Washington and speak at New York University during his Nov. 11-16 trip.

"I hope to speak directly to American citizens and convey my views representing Okinawa and have a discussion about democracy," Tamaki told a packed news conference in Tokyo.

Tamaki took office Oct. 4 after campaigning for the closure of a disputed U.S. base on Okinawa and a reduction of the American military presence there. He said he wanted to visit the



Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki speaks during a press conference at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (FCCJ) in Tokyo, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018.

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U.S. soon after his election so that the voices of voters would be heard.

Tamaki, the first person with an American parent to lead Okinawa, said his roots make him a perfect figure to relay the message

to the U.S. public.

At the center of contention is a decades-old plan to move a Marine Corps air station from densely populated Futenma in the southern part of the island to less-crowded Henoko on

the east coast.

Many Okinawans say the presence of so many U.S. troops on the island is burdensome and they want the Futenma base moved off the island entirely.

Tamaki, during an earlier visit to Tokyo in mid-October, urged Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and other top officials to stop the Henoko plan and reduce Okinawa's burden. Despite his request and Okinawans' opposition, Abe's government last week resumed construction work at the disputed site at Henoko.

The construction reignited anger on the island, and Tamaki said he is determined to block its completion.

"Okinawa is working hard toward peace building, and based on that perspective we call on the Japanese government and the United States government to look at ways to

reduce the burden of the bases and build peace. We call for deepening of their relationship and effort to achieve those goals," Tamaki said.

He said Japan's central government should negotiate with the U.S. in Okinawa's interest. "As the central government is not delivering Okinawans' voice to the U.S. side, it is now my responsibility to convey that directly to the Americans and they have a responsibility to listen to us," Tamaki said.

He has said he supports the Japan-U.S. security alliance, but that Okinawa should not be the only place forced to sacrifice.

Tamaki has also called for a review of the Status of Forces Agreement that gives privileges to the U.S. military, including some immunity from Japanese criminal investigation. □

Fire kills at least 7 at dormitory-style housing in S. Korea

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A fire that likely blocked a crucial exit at a low-cost dormitory-style housing facility in central Seoul killed at least seven people and injured 11 others on Friday, according to fire authorities who were investigating possible safety lapses in the building.

The blaze has been extinguished, but it's possible that the death toll could rise, officials at the Seoul Metropolitan Fire and Disaster Headquarters said.

The fire probably started near an exit door on the

building's third floor, Kwon Hyeok-min, chief of Seoul's Jongno District Fire Station, told reporters. The facility's residents were mostly manual laborers who made their living on day-to-day jobs, he said.

"It was dawn and the exit door was likely blocked, so it would have been difficult (for the residents) to escape," Kwon said.

Another official from the Jongno station said the facility, which was built in 1983, did not have sprinklers because current safety regulations can't be retroactively applied to older

structures. The official, who didn't want to be named, citing office rules, said it was unclear whether the building's smoke detector worked.

The facility, called "goshiwon" in Korean, is where poor workers relying on construction jobs or student preparing for bar exams or civil service exams stay in individual rooms with tiny sleep and study spaces. Budget travelers also often stay in such facilities.

South Korean media reported that most of the victims were manual laborers in their 40s to 60s. □



South Korean firefighters check the site of a fire in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018.

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Argentina's newest national park protects vital wetlands

By **LUIS ANDRES HENAO**
CIERVO DE LOS PANTANOS NATIONAL PARK, Argentina (AP) — Just an hour's drive from one of South America's most populous cities, a sprawling wetland of bright green marshes and dark lagoons stretches far into the horizon.

The until-now little-known area, home to a wide range of birds, fish and other wildlife, has become Argentina's newest national park in a victory for nature preservation at a time when the country is facing an economic crisis and governments worldwide are cutting back funding for parks and environmental programs.

Conservationists say creation of the Ciervo de los Pantanos (Marsh Deer) National Park out of two nature preserves will increase resources to protect the more than 5,500 hectares (20 square miles) from real estate development and other threats while creating an open-air classroom for students in the Buenos Aires metropolitan area.

"The main factor here is environmental education ... because every school from (greater) Buenos Aires, where 14 million people



In this Oct. 18, 2018 photo, a wooden walk way stands at the "Ciervo de los Pantanos" National Park near Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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live, will come here," said Jeronimo Valle, the park's director.

"It's important to have a direct contact with these ecosystems so that we stop seeing them as unfertile ... lands, and instead see them for what they are: lands that must be preserved."

A group of students who arrived from the outskirts of

the capital shared a picnic and played a pickup game of soccer on a meadow before trekking along the park's trails.

Fifteen-year-old Martina Suarez said the park was a reminder of what needs to be saved from development.

"Our natural resources will end if we continue on this path because urbanization

is taking over our flora and fauna," she said. "If it wasn't for this," she said gesturing to the lush vegetation surrounding her, "we wouldn't be here."

At about 40 miles (70 kilometers) from Buenos Aires, it's the closest national park to the Argentine capital. The entrance is just off the Pan-American Highway and a railway cuts through

the park. But the low, omnipresent hum of cars and even train horns seems distant, often drowned out by the constant calling of birds.

"We just heard a southern screamer," park ranger Agustin Mezzabotta said during a recent trek after crossing a long wooden footbridge over swamps to reach a lagoon.

This "is a space where people can connect with nature, connect with their five senses, observe, smell the grass, hear the birds," he said. Visitors might not be blown away by monumental glaciers, waterfalls or even the large animals of other Argentine parks. But the wetlands are ideal for birdwatchers and visitors can catch glimpses of animals such as wildcats and foxes. The park is named for the marsh deer, a vulnerable species found in a few other parts of South America that is known for its webbed hooves that allow it to cross swamps smoothly where other animals would easily sink.

"So it's important to have parks that are accessible to the public, such as this one in Argentina as it will hopefully be very well visited." □

Brazil police arrest ex-meatpacking executive in graft probe

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SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazilian police on Friday arrested a former chairman of the world's largest meatpacker whose testimony was central to allegations of corruption against the president. Former JBS chairman Joesley Batista was arrested Friday, as was Ricardo Saud, a former executive at the holding company that controls JBS, according to the public relations firm that represents the meatpacker. Antonio Andrade, the vice governor of Minas Gerais state and a former agriculture minister, was also arrested, his press office said.

Police said in a statement that the arrests were part of an investigation into a graft scheme that dates to 2014-2015 in which execu-



In this Nov. 28, 2017 file photo, Joesley Batista, JBS meat-packing company executive, testifies at a Senate Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry, in Brasilia, Brazil.

Associated Press

tives paid bribes to civil servants and politicians linked to the Agriculture Ministry in exchange for favorable decisions and regulation that helped JBS eliminate competition. Police said that there is evidence that

some targets of the investigation tried to throw the probe off course even though they were ostensibly cooperating.

Police said they had arrested 16 people in all Friday, and they are still seeking

three more. They were also executing dozens of search warrants.

JBS is one of the companies at the center of Brazil's sprawling corruption investigation, known as Operation Car Wash, in which investigators have determined that companies paid billions of dollars in bribes and kickbacks to politicians in order to secure political favors and public contracts. Several JBS executives have confessed to the company's involvement in exchange for plea bargain deals, including providing evidence that underpinned charges levelled against President Michel Temer. Temer denies wrongdoing, and Congress twice voted to spare him trial while he is in office. But prosecutors have since

accused Batista of withholding information and revoked his deal.

"Joesley Batista is a collaborator with the justice system," Batista's lawyer, Andre Callegari, said in a statement. "Therefore, the request for his arrest causes bewilderment in the context of an investigation in which he has already given more than one deposition as a cooperating witness and handed over innumerable corroborating documents."

In a statement, Andrade's press office said that he had cooperated with police and his lawyers would respond once they had seen the details of the investigation. Representatives for Saud did not immediately respond to a request for comment. □

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Marginal economic growth forecasted for 2019



ORANJESTAD — The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) published the Economic Outlook for 2019. This publication also includes updated projections for 2018 to reflect the most recent developments and data.

The Aruban economy is expected to decline in real terms by 0.5 percent in 2018. Compared to the previous forecast, published in April 2018, the growth rate was adjusted downwards by 0.8 percentage point. A marginal growth of 0.1 percent is projected for 2019. In 2018 and 2019, the economic output is driven mainly by tourism exports. Subdued consumption and uncertainty with regard to the execution of various investment projects are expected to hinder significant output growth. The introduction of the crisis levy in July 2018 will likely impact economic activities through reduced consumption in both 2018 and 2019.

Tourism service exports are forecasted to grow by 1.5 percent (in real terms) in 2018. This growth is due to a projected rise in tourist arrivals from the U.S. market.

The tourism outlook for 2019 is positive with tourism service exports growing by 0.9 percent (real terms), spurred again mainly by the U.S. market.

Various large projects that are ongoing and/or planned to be executed in 2018 include continuation of the renovation of the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber hospital, continuation of the Watty Vos Boulevard project, upgrading activities at the airport, and various tourism-related projects. Investment in 2019 is expected to expand significantly. This predicted expansion can be mainly attributed to the Gateway 2030 project (expansion and modernization of the airport), the final phases of both the hospital, and the Watty Vos Boulevard, and significant investments by WEB. Nevertheless, execution of investment projects are subject to delays and uncertainties.

The (12-month average) inflation rate is projected at 3.4 percent and 2.3 percent in 2018 and 2019, respectively. The Venezuelan trade embargo caused food prices to increase in the first quarter of 2018, which also will likely have an



inflationary effect for the rest of the year. The crisis levy is expected to push up inflation by 0.9 percentage point in both 2018 and 2019. Aruba is expected to have a surplus on the current account of the balance of payments in both 2018 and 2019, based primarily on tourism income. However, this surplus will likely be small (less than Afl. 11 million) compared to the previous three years.

The capital and financial account (excluding banking transactions and the change in reserves) is expected to show a smaller deficit in both years compared to 2017,

Afl. 33 million and Afl. 44 million, respectively. Net inflows related to investment projects, real estate, and timeshare sales will likely lead to a net inflow of direct investment, while the government is expected to issue a smaller amount of foreign debt going forward.

Consequently, in 2018, total net foreign assets (excluding revaluation differences) are forecasted to fall by Afl. 33.5 million to Afl. 1,651.3 million, and likely decrease further to a level below Afl. 1.6 billion at the end of 2019 under no change in monetary, foreign exchange and economic policies. Total reserves are thus expected to be equivalent to 5.0 months of current account payments (including oil) in both 2018 and 2019.

To foster economic growth and reduce downward pressures on the international reserves, significant investments and policy efforts are required to expand economic output and strengthen economic resilience against external shocks. The forecasted economic growth is thus subject to considerable downside risks. □

Table 1: Economic estimates and forecasts expressed in real terms (percentage change)

Indicator	2017 ^e	2018 ^f	2019 ^f
GDP	2.3	-0.5	0.1
Consumption	1.0	-1.6	-2.1
Investment	1.5	-3.2	7.0
Exports	2.9	0.4	0.3
Imports	1.2	-1.6	0.4

Source: CBA.

e = estimate; f = forecast

The complete publication is available on the CBA's website (www.cbaruba.org).



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So, step into your car or grab a taxi and head up to San Nicolas and who knows you might even run into Xander Bogaerts. □



`Excellent service' say Mike and Barb about Hadicurari

PALM BEACH — Scallops, lobster and pasta were the great choices of Mike and Barb Crapo from Mt. Pleasant, MI at Hadicurari restaurant.

Seen in the picture with friends, the 63 year-old insurance agent and his 59 year-old wife are here on vacation. At Hadicurari they loved the `excellent service, it was clean, very nice and there was a wonderful singer'. We hope that you'll be back at Hadicurari soon again to have dinner with your feet in the sand and big smiles on your faces. □

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orary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, Transportation, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-20 and more consecutive years.



The Honorees are Mr. Gale and Mrs. Valerie Measel from Pennsylvania and also Mr. Keith and Mrs. Patricia Hendrickson from New Jersey who have been coming to Aruba for many consecutive years.

The event which commemorates their 26th and 22nd consecutive visit to the island was held at the Costa Linda Beach Resort. The couples love coming to the island for the lovely people, the amazing Costa Linda Resort and beautiful weather.

Mario together with representatives of Costa Linda Beach Resort, presented the certificate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □

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Crossing for hope

SAVANETA — On Sunday November 11th, 2018, five athletes from the Aruba Dolphins Swimming Club will swim from Venezuela to Aruba and all for a good cause called "Crossing for Hope."

Davie Bisslik, Romar Arendsz, Deaxo Croes, Stephan Thijsen and the only lady among them, Wendy Kock, will be taking the challenge of swimming from Piedras Negras, Falcon State in Venezuela to Savaneta, Aruba. This is a distance of 28.5 kilometers under the guidance of Roly Bisslik who took this challenge back in 1988. This is an ambitious initiative by 5 talented Aruban swimmers all with hearts of gold with the purpose of collecting funds and raising awareness for Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds – a non-profit organization

that offers support to cancer patients and works for the prevention of this unfortunate disease.

This event will take place at 7 AM on Sunday November 11th, 2018. It is estimated the swim will take between 9 and 12 hours of swimming with the first swimmer estimated to reach Zeerovers in Savaneta, Aruba at 3 PM. This will continue until all 5 swimmers have arrived safely. This event also brings the community together for such a historical moment in the sports annals of Aruba, and relives the challenge of 1988.

The event at Zeerovers, Savaneta will begin at 11 AM until 6 PM. While you wait for the arrival of the athletes, you can enjoy many activities and mingle with locals. A Great ambience, some good food and lots



of drinks will be available on the different food trucks. There will be activities for kids of all ages.

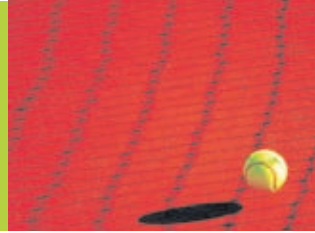
Music will be provided by Rincon Boys, Grupo di Betico, Gaita Los Paranderos and Tsunami. You can buy souvenirs such as T-shirt, water bottles, wristbands commemorating this event. It's

a day for the whole family to enjoy and at the same time to support a great cause.

All 5 athletes have been preparing physically and mentally for this challenge and are determined to give their utmost to reach their goal. So now it's up to

you to join this great cause. How? By supporting them and making a donation to the Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds. Donations can also be made to the bank account CMB 60078005; - Banco di Caribe 80710901; - Aruba Bank 2611450190, don't forget to mention Crossing for Hope. □

SPORTS



In this Feb. 21, 2018, file photo, United States' Lindsey Vonn speaks at a press conference after winning the bronze medal in the women's downhill skiing event at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Jeongseon, South Korea.

Associated Press

Vonn all set to charge after ski racing's hallowed wins mark

By PAT GRAHAM

AP Sports Writer

COPPER MOUNTAIN, Colo.

(AP) — On her farewell tour, Lindsey Vonn vows to dine out even more with her American teammates, have an occasional glass of wine with longtime rivals/friends and take plenty of photos.

One quick caveat, though, as she savors the sights and sounds during her last go-around: Come race day, Vonn will of course be Vonn.

At ease with her decision to retire following the season, she's ready to charge after history — balky right knee and all.

The 34-year-old ski racer enters the season with 82 World Cup victories, leaving her five away from breaking the record held by Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden.

"As much as I'm going to soak this season in, I'm still out there to win.

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STEEL HURTIN'

Download Assets Panthers can't recover from early deficit in blowout loss

Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton (1) fumbles the ball as he is hit by Pittsburgh Steelers outside linebacker T.J. Watt during the first half of an NFL football game in Pittsburgh, Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018. Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey recovered the ball.

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I'm never going to be in the starting gate to just check out the scenery," said Vonn

, whose season kicks off in Lake Louise, Alberta, with a pair of downhill races and a super-G beginning on Nov. 30. "I'm very goal-oriented. That won't be any different."

She said there's zero chance she returns even if she finishes just shy of breaking Stenmark's achievement.

"I can't physically do it — unless something miraculously happens in science," said Vonn, who lives in Vail, Colorado. "I'm happy with what I've done. No matter what happens, it's definitely going to be my last season."

Once she steps away from racing, she has other plans to keep her occupied. Like possibly opening a business, perhaps a beauty line. Or taking in more hockey games, with her boyfriend, P.K. Subban, a defenseman for the Nashville Predators. She also hasn't ruled out the possibility of a broadcasting career.

"I'm ready for the next chapter. It's not because I want to be — I'm ready because it has to be," Vonn said after a training session at the U.S. ski team's speed center at Copper Mountain. "The risk just doesn't outweigh the reward anymore. I would like to be able to ski recreationally in 10 years and if I have children, be able to ski with them. ... It came to the point where it was time to say goodbye."

As she discussed her injuries, Vonn patted her troublesome right knee. Her dog, Lucy, sat on her lap with a bandage — duct tape, ac-

tually — on her right front paw following a recent accident.

Over her distinguished career, Vonn's had a long list of ailments: ACL reconstructions, fractures near her left knee joint, bruised shin, broken ankle, broken arm, sliced right thumb and countless concussions.

She joked that her relationship with skiing is "tough love."

Still, she said the sport helped her through some tough times, like her divorce from Thomas Vonn or her split with Tiger Woods.

"Skiing always helps me get over it emotionally. It's always been my escape," said Vonn, whose first World Cup start was Nov. 18, 2000, in a slalom race when she was known as Lindsey Kildow. "My injuries, while painful and difficult, still were an important lesson and taught me a lot about myself and what I'm capable of."

Coming up through the ranks, Vonn never contemplated breaking Stenmark's record of 86. It was just too far out there.

Instead, she kept her mind on Olympic medals. She earned a gold medal in the downhill and a bronze in the super-G at the 2010 Vancouver Games, along with a downhill bronze at the Pyeongchang Olympics last February. She missed the 2014 Sochi Games due to her right knee.

"It was really about the Olympics," she said. "The success I've had on the World Cup level has been so much more than I ever thought was possible."

In January 2015, Vonn broke the women's World Cup mark of 62 victories that belonged to Annema-



In this March 14, 2018, file photo, United States' Lindsey Vonn reacts in the finish area completing a women's downhill at the alpine ski World Cup finals in Are, Sweden.

Associated Press

rie Moser-Proell of Austria. It was quite an accomplishment, but the queries quickly turned to this: Can Vonn catch Stenmark?

"I'm like, 'Can we talk about breaking the women's record for one second before we move on to something else I have to do?'" Vonn said. "I didn't really think it was possible until I hit maybe 76 (wins). Before that, it was mostly just talking to the media and dealing with everyone else's ex-

pectations. Anything could happen in ski racing and 63 wins to 86 is a really long way, so it's hard to even think that far ahead.

"Until now, I haven't really focused on Stenmark's record."

It's within sight.

"A huge story," said Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal, who has 35 World Cup wins. "It's the record in Alpine skiing that people thought was unbreakable and she's probably going to break it."

For the moment, Vonn's mission remains simple: Soak in the entire experience.

"Instead of always being in the hotel room and super-focused on the race the next day, I'm actually going out to dinner with the team and doing something different," Vonn said. "I'm really enjoying it and not just having it be a job. I love the job, don't get me wrong. But there's also a level of, 'I need to chill a little bit.'"

"I'm 34. I'm ready to chill." □

Jess McDonald scores and U.S. women down Portugal 1-0

By The Associated Press

Jessica McDonald, making just her second appearance for the national team, scored in the 43rd minute and the U.S. women's national team reached its 500th victory with a 1-0 win over Portugal in Lisbon.

The U.S. national team is now 500-65-74 overall since its inception in 1985.

With the victory, the Ameri-

cans remain undefeated this year at 17 wins and two ties. The team has an unbeaten streak of 27 games (24 wins, three ties) dating to a 1-0 loss to Australia in the Tournament of Nations. The streak comes as the U.S. team prepares for the World Cup next year in France. The defending World Cup champions qualified for the tournament last month at

the CONCACAF women's championship. The United States is currently the top-ranked team in the world, while Portugal is ranked No. 33 and did not qualify for France. McDonald, 30, who plays for the North Carolina Courage of the National Women's Soccer League, started for the United States. Her rebound goal was her first for the

national team. McDonald had a pair of goals for the Courage in a 3-0 victory over the Portland Thorns for the NWSL championship this season and she was named that game's Most Valuable Player. Midfielder Danielle Colaprico, who plays for the NWSL's Chicago Red Stars, made her first appearance for the national team as a sub in the

second half. University of North Carolina sophomore defender Emily Fox started in her first appearance with the team. The U.S. team was without Christen Press and Tobin Heath because of personal commitments. The United States plays Scotland on Tuesday to wrap up a two-match European trip before taking the rest of the year off. □

Roethlisberger throws for 5 TDs, Steelers rip Panthers 52-21

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger's first pass went for a touchdown. His last did the same. And in between the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback and his red-hot team put together systematic 52-21 dismantling of Carolina on Thursday night that left little doubt about their depth and their talent regardless of whether Le'Veon Bell ever shows up for work or not.

Ten different Steelers touched the ball on offense. Six of them scored. None of them were named Bell. While the three-time Pro Bowl running back tweeted his thoughts from home while waiting — and waiting — to sign his one-year franchise tender, Pittsburgh ripped off its fifth straight victory with stunning ease.

"Really big performance against a really good team on a short week so there is a lot to be proud of," Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin said. "But we are probably not that good."

Maybe not, but Pittsburgh (6-2-1) looked every bit the part of legitimate contender in the AFC, perhaps for the first time this season.

Roethlisberger completed 22 of 25 passes for 328 yards and five touchdowns while posting a perfect quarterback rating of 158.3. James Conner, who has filled in capably during Bell's self-imposed sabbatical, ran for 65 yards and a score before being evaluated for a concussion late.

Antonio Brown added eight receptions for 96 yards — including a 53-yard touchdown in the second quarter — to cap an eventful day that began with the star wide receiver being cited for reckless driving after police clocked Brown's Porsche driving over 100 mph down a busy highway in the northern city suburbs. "This is what we expected," Roethlisberger said. "We knew we were going to have to put up a lot of points. We did that. The defense, they were playing like their hair was on fire."

Bell has until next Tuesday to sign a contract if he



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) is hit by Carolina Panthers strong safety Eric Reid (25) as he slides at the end of a run during the second half of an NFL football game in Pittsburgh, Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018. Reid was ejected.

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wants to play this season. His teammates have long since tired of talking about Bell's status and at this point. "I'm not going to comment on someone who's not in the locker room right now," Roethlisberger said.

And why bother? For three hours on Thursday night Pittsburgh looked every bit as potent without Bell as it did with him. If he returns, they insist they'll welcome him with open arms. If he doesn't, they are intent on keeping the train rolling.

The Panthers (6-3) saw their three-game winning streak come to an abrupt halt in a city where they've never won. Carolina fell to 0-4 all-time in Pittsburgh and was never really in it after the Steelers scored 21 points in the game's first 11 minutes. Cam Newton completed 23 of 29 for 193 yards and a pair of flips to Christian McCaffrey that the second-year running back turned into scores, but Newton's showdown with Roethlisberger never materialized. The Steelers sacked Newton five times and rarely

let him get comfortable. McCaffrey finished with 138 yards total offense (77 yards rushing, 61 yards receiving) and accounted for all three Panther touchdowns but it wasn't nearly enough.

"We had a lot of our noses bleeding early on," Newton said. "We've got to stop it and keep things going in our favor. We just got outplayed today."

Newton didn't help matters when he threw off his back foot out of the Carolina end zone while trying to avoid getting sacked in the first quarter. Pittsburgh linebacker Vince Williams raced under the floater and returned it 17 yards for a touchdown to give the Steelers a 14-7 lead they never came close to relinquishing.

Roethlisberger's rainbow to Brown put Pittsburgh up 31-14 at the half and when Roethlisberger found Vance McDonald in the back on the end zone on the Steelers' first drive of the second half, the competitive portion of the evening was

over. Pittsburgh's 52 points matched the most ever surrendered by the Panthers in franchise history. Carolina allowed the same total in a 52-9 loss to Oakland on Dec. 24, 2000.

"They did some good things against us," Panthers head coach Ron Rivera said. "We made too many mistakes early on to give ourselves an opportunity to win a football game."

REID TARGETS ROETHLISBERGER

Carolina safety Eric Reid was ejected in the third quarter after being called for targeting when he dived at Roethlisberger's head as the Pittsburgh quarterback was sliding at the end of an 18-yard scramble.

Several Steelers, most of them offensive linemen, took exception with the hit and a brief scrum ensued. Pittsburgh center Maurkice Pouncey said Roethlisberger offered to pay any fines the linemen may accrue for sticking up for him.

Reid, signed by Carolina in September, walked over to Roethlisberger and apolo-

gized before being escorted to the locker room.

"I understand the NFL is trying to protect quarterbacks but when they're running the ball they're running backs," Reid said. "I'm not thinking that 'It's Ben, don't tackle him.' There's a guy running with the ball so I'm doing my job."

PAYING TRIBUTE

Roethlisberger and Newton both wore cleats during the pregame that paid tribute to the 11 members of the Tree of Life synagogue that were killed in a mass shooting last month. Roethlisberger's cleats featured the names of all 11 victims while Newton's cleats read "Hatred Can't Weaken a City of Steel."

UP NEXT

Panthers: Travel to Detroit on Nov. 18 to take on the Lions. Carolina is 6-2 all-time against Detroit.

Steelers: Visit Jacksonville on Nov. 18. The Jaguars beat Pittsburgh twice on the road last season, including a 45-42 upset in the divisional round of the playoffs. □

Here comes Who Dey vs. Who Dat. Say what?

By **BARRY WILNER**

Here comes Who Dey vs. Who Dat.

Say what?

The Who Dat folks from New Orleans go head-on with the Who Dey fans in Cincinnati on Sunday. And don't ask which group first came up with its catchy phrase and odd rendering of the English language.

"Who Dey? I don't understand. I'm baffled," says Saints running back Mark Ingram. "It's like, did they copy us? Or not? I don't know. Who Dat! Who Dat! Who Dat! ..."

What anyone might ask is whether the Saints (7-1), coming off three huge victories, including handing the Rams their first loss, are ripe for a letdown. Drew Brees and company face Philadelphia next week.

"They're going to be hungry coming off the bye week," Ingram says of the Bengals.

"They have playoff aspirations. They have aspirations of winning their division. So every game is important to them just like it is to us. So we're going up there in foreign territory, hostile territory, and we've got to go make it happen. We're a good team. We respect them but we're always worried about this building, this team, what we need to do to put ourselves in position to have success."

It might be difficult for New Orleans to find a way to lose this one, though. In the past three games, the Bengals (5-3) have given up 481 yards to Pittsburgh, then 551 to Kansas City and 576 to Tampa Bay.

Granted, those are three of the NFL's top attacks. The Saints are up there, too, so if Cincinnati gives up 500 yards Sunday, it will become the first team to allow 500 in three consecutive games.

"We're underachieving right now," defensive end Carlos Dunlap admits. "We're playing well enough to win some games, which is why we're 5-3. If we work on the negatives, we can be that elite defense and that elite team."

Right now, the eliteness is in the Big Easy



In this Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, file photo, New Orleans Saints fans react after an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Rams in New Orleans.

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"They go as Brees goes," Dunlap adds. "We've got to find a way to slow down that future Hall of Famer."

The weekend began Thursday night with Pittsburgh's 52-21 home victory over Carolina. Ben Roethlisberger threw for 328 yards and five touchdowns to help the Steelers (6-2-1) win their fifth straight. The Panthers (6-3) had won three in a row.

Off this week are Minnesota (5-3-1), Denver (3-6), Baltimore (4-5) and Houston (6-3).

Dallas (3-5) at Philadelphia (4-4)

For the Cowboys to stay real in the NFC East, they need a quick reversal of fortune. With four of those five losses coming on the road, a visit to the Linc isn't all that enticing.

These teams meet on "Sunday Night Football" for the 10th consecutive season and 12th time overall. Dallas must find a passing game somewhere, and spring Ezekiel Elliott for some big plays, but the blocking unit has declined significantly.

The defending Super Bowl champion Eagles are 17-5 at home under coach Doug Pederson. Carson Wentz has thrown at least one

TD with no more than one interception in 21 straight games, tied with Matt Ryan for the longest streak in NFL history. He has a new target in Golden Tate. The wide-out was obtained from Detroit, for which he had eight catches for 132 yards and two TDs vs. the Cowboys on Sept. 30.

Seattle (4-4) at Los Angeles Rams (8-1)

Coming off their first defeat, the Rams will remember they struggled to win 33-31 at Seattle last month. A victory would give LA a 4½-game edge in the NFC West and pretty much shut it down.

Both teams boast potent ground games, with the big star being LA's Todd Gurley. The Rams are No. 1 in the NFL with Gurley at 868 yards rushing; he also has 12 TD runs; he has scored in 12 consecutive games, the longest regular-season streak in team history.

The Seahawks are tops in rushing since Week 3 with 159.8 yards per game after concentrating more on the ground game following an 0-2 start.

Arizona (2-6) at Kansas City (8-1)

The Cardinals are 0-4-1 at Kansas City, and this isn't exactly the best time to

be visiting. Arizona has the NFL's worst offense and ranks 31st in pass defense. All the Chiefs do, with Patrick Mahomes, Kareem Hunt, Travis Kelce and Tyreek Hill, is score, score and score some more.

But Cardinals star receiver Larry Fitzgerald could make some history. Fitzgerald needs 33 yards receiving to pass Terrell Owens (15,934) for second in NFL history. Fitz needs 14 receptions to pass Jerry Rice (San Francisco, 1,281) for the NFL record for receptions with one team.

Detroit (3-5) at Chicago (5-3)

A very lopsided series recently in favor of Detroit, which has won nine of 10. Indeed, Chicago hasn't won an NFC North game in its past 10 attempts.

But the Lions allowed 10 sacks — yes, 10 — to Minnesota last week, and Chicago has an even better defense than the Vikings.

The Bears also are decently balanced and rank fifth in scoring. Still, their calling card is on D, and they scored twice that way against Buffalo: Eddie Jackson's 65-yard fumble recovery and Leonard Floyd's 19-yard interception return.

Washington (5-3) at Tampa

Bay (3-5)

The Redskins were routed at home by Atlanta last weekend and lost three key players, including both starting guards. Adrian Peterson has three consecutive 100-yard rushing games against Tampa Bay, including last year with the Cardinals. Can he find room to roam behind a makeshift offensive line?

Tampa sure can pass and sure can score, but it often falls so far behind that it can't catch up. The Bucs have been outscored 103-27 in the first half of Ryan Fitzpatrick's past three starts, all losses.

Still, Fitzpatrick has three games with four or more TD passes, the most in the NFC this season, and has been much better than erstwhile starter Jameis Winston.

New England (7-2) at Tennessee (4-4)

Here we go again: New England is on a roll as Tom Brady makes everyone around him better.

The Patriots have won six straight (seven in a row overall against Tennessee). Brady will play in his 300th game, including postseason, and will join Brett Favre (326) as the only NFL quarterbacks to appear in 300 games. Brady needs three TD passes to tie Peyton Manning (579) for the most in NFL history, also including playoffs.

Tennessee comes off a solid victory at Dallas and coach Mike Vrabel had his biggest playing days in New England, where he won three titles.

"We've just gotten ourselves to the surface where there's a little bit of air, a little bit of water," Vrabel says. "You're kind of taking a little bit of both in and you can't survive there for long. But you can survive there for a few minutes. And so we got to make the next decision to see if we can get our heads completely above water." Atlanta (4-4) at Cleveland (2-6-1)

Injuries seemed to ruin the Falcons' season, yet here they are at .500 and with six games upcoming against teams currently owning losing records. □

Canucks beat Bruins 8-5 for 5th straight win

By The Associated Press
BOSTON (AP) — Bo Horvat had two goals and two assists and the Vancouver Canucks extended their winning streak to five games with an 8-5 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night. Loui Eriksson added two goals and an assist and spurred a five-goal outburst in the second period. Ben Hutton and Erik Gudbranson each had a goal and an assist, and Antoine Roussel and Jake Virtanen added goals for the Canucks. They have scored 26 goals in the last five games. Jake DeBrusk scored twice, and Patrice Bergeron, Matt Grzelcyk and Danton Heinen added goals for Boston. Jaroslav Halak was pulled after allowing five goals on 19 shots.
LIGHTNING 4, ISLANDERS 2
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Andrei

Vasilevskiy made 35 saves, Tyler Johnson broke a tie with 1:26 left in Tampa Bay's victory over New York. Vasilevskiy has allowed two or fewer goals in nine of 12 games. Johnson scored from just outside the crease off a pass from Nikita Kucherov. Steven Stamkos added an empty-netter. Mathieu Joseph and J.T. Miller also scored to help Tampa Bay improve to an NHL-best 12-3-1. Josh Bailey scored twice and Robin Lehner stopped 23 shots for the Islanders.
FLYERS 5, COYOTES 4, OT
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Shayne Gostisbehere scored on a one-timer 1:01 into overtime after Dale Weise tied it with 2:13 left in regulation, and Philadelphia beat Arizona. Scott Laughton had two goals and Travis Konecny also scored. The Flyers be-



Vancouver Canucks center Markus Granlund (60) and Boston Bruins center Sean Kuraly (52) compete for the puck during the third period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018, in Boston. The Canucks won 8-5.

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gan a five-game homestand after earning seven of a possible eight points on a four-game trip out West. Oliver Ekman-Larsson and Michael Grabner each had a goal and an assist, and Brad Richardson and Derek Stepan also scored for the Coyotes. They lost 5-2 at home to Philadelphia on Monday night.
PANTHERS 4, OILERS 1

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Roberto Luongo made 26 saves in his second start since missing nine games with a knee injury to help Florida beat Edmonton. Evgenii Dadonov, Nick Bjugstad, Jonathan Huberdeau and Colton Sceviour scored for the Panthers. Mike Hoffman and Vincent Trocheck each had two assists. Leon Draisaitl scored

for the Oilers, and Cam Talbot stopped 29 shots.
HURRICANES 4, BLACK-HAWKS 3
CHICAGO (AP) — Andrei Svechnikov, Jaccob Slavin, Phillip Di Giuseppe and Calvin de Haan gave Carolina a four-goal lead early in the second period and the Hurricanes held off Chicago to Jeremy Colliton's NHL coaching debut. □

Curry injured as Bucks stop Warriors' 8-game win streak

By The Associated Press
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry left with an injury and the Golden State Warriors were unable to recover in a 134-111 loss to the Milwaukee Bucks that snapped their eight-game winning streak Thursday night. Eric Bledsoe scored 26 points and Giannis Antetokounmpo added 24 points, nine rebounds and four assists as the Bucks handed the Warriors their first defeat at home this season. The two-time defending NBA champions were already missing All-Star Draymond Green and then lost Curry midway through the third quarter. The two-time MVP strained the adductor muscle in his left leg and went to the locker room shortly thereafter. He did not return. Curry grabbed at his inner thigh after trying to contest Bledsoe's shot in transition.

He is expected to have an MRI on Friday. Klay Thompson led the Warriors with 24 points and Kevin Durant had 17 points, nine assists and seven rebounds. Malcolm Brogdon scored 20 points as Milwaukee (9-2) won for the second straight time at Oracle Arena, including a 116-107 victory on March 29.
THUNDER 98, ROCKETS 80
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Paul George scored 20 points and Oklahoma City beat Houston without point guard Russell Westbrook for its seventh straight victory. Westbrook missed his second consecutive game with a sprained left ankle. George also had 11 rebounds, six assists and six steals. The Thunder were 0-4 before the streak. Steven Adams had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Terrance Ferguson and Dennis Schroder each



Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry walks on the court during a timeout in the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Milwaukee Bucks on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

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added 14 points. James Harden scored 19 points, but made just 7 of 19 shots for the Rockets. Clint Capela added 17 points for Houston. The Rockets had won three in a row. Houston's Carmelo Anthony, who played for the Thunder last season and was traded this summer,

scored two points on 1-for-11 shooting. Chris Paul added 10 points.
CELTICS 116, SUNS 109, OT
PHOENIX (AP) — Kyrie Irving scored 18 of his season-high 39 points in the fourth quarter and overtime, and Boston overcame a 22-point deficit to beat Phoenix. Irving scored Boston's first six

points in the extra period, and Marcus Morris finished with 17 against his former team — including the tying 3-pointer with 1.1 seconds left in regulation. Devin Booker led the Suns with a season-high 38 points, and T.J. Warren had 29.
TRAIL BLAZERS 116, CLIPPERS 105
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Damian Lillard had 25 points and Portland topped Los Angeles to win its third straight game. CJ McCollum added 23 points for the Trail Blazers, who have won six of seven. Danilo Gallinari and Lou Williams each scored 20 for the Clippers. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had a career-high 19. The Clippers closed to 107-101 on Gallinari's jumper, but Jusuf Nurkic answered for Portland with a layup and Los Angeles could not get any closer down the stretch. □



Seattle Sounders goalkeeper Stefan Frei, right, can't get to a goal kicked by Portland Timbers midfielder Dairon Asprilla, left, during extra time in a second-leg MLS playoff soccer match, Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018, in Seattle.

Associated Press

Timbers oust rival Sounders 4-2 on PKs in West semifinals

By **TIM BOOTH**
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — The first bit of celebrating by the Portland Timbers was premature. The confusing MLS playoff rules created a moment of misunderstanding at the end of extra time and a wild 120 minutes. The second celebration, after Dairon Asprilla deposited his winning penalty past Seattle Sounders goalkeeper Stefan Frei, was pure elation for the Timbers as they advanced to the Western Conference finals and ended the season for their Cascadia rivals to the north. "I thought it didn't disappoint. Seattle and Portland brought the rivalry to this match and it was incredible," Timbers coach Giovanni Savarese said. Asprilla's kick sent the Timbers past Seattle 4-2 in a penalty shootout Thursday night after an emotionally exhausting second half and extra time that saw the teams combine for five goals and wild swings of elation and desperation. Seattle won the second leg of the semifinal matchup 3-2, scoring late in regulation to force extra time before both teams scored early in the extra session.

Eventually, the sides decided the winner via penalties, although Portland initially believed it had won at the end of extra time after scoring a second road goal in the match. The Timbers claimed the celebration at the end of extra time was due to pride and exhaustion for taking the match to penalties. It ultimately didn't matter because the Timbers finished the job in the shootout. Asprilla, Lucas Melano, Diego Valeri and Sebastian Blanco scored penalties for Portland. Seattle's goals came from Raul Ruidiaz and Handwalla Bwana, but Will Bruin hit the post and Osvaldo Alonso's shot was saved by Portland goalkeeper Jeff Attinella, atoning for an earlier mistake that led to Seattle's first goal. "Being a goalkeeper, you have to shake that off because you always know another one is coming," Attinella said. "All the credit to the guys — they responded so well for me. I'm just very grateful for the way it turned out." Portland will face Sporting Kansas City or Real Salt Lake in the West finals. It's the Timbers' first trip to the conference finals since win-

ning the MLS Cup in 2015. "The end result was not good. But certainly, there were moments of joy and euphoria, happiness. Thinking you had the game in control," Seattle coach Brian Schmetzer said. "And then that gets snatched out away from you." Portland held a 2-1 lead after the first leg at home and the match reached penalties only because of a wild final 25 minutes of regulation and a beginning to extra time that was equally crazy. Seattle took a 1-0 lead in the match and pulled even at 2-2 on aggregate — with the road goal tiebreaker — when Ruidiaz scored in the 68th minute after Attinella mishandled a cross into the penalty area. Less than 10 minutes later, Blanco scored to put the Timbers ahead 3-2 on aggregate and even in the match at 1-all. It appeared that would be enough for the Timbers to advance, but Ruidiaz had another special moment waiting. With Seattle frantically scrambling for one more goal that would take the match to extra time, Ruidiaz scored in the third minute of stoppage time. □



All Japan's Yuki Yanagita, right, rounds third base as he is welcomed by teammates at home after hitting a walk-off two-run home-run off MLB All-Star closer Kirby Yates of the San Diego Padres in the ninth inning of Game 1 of their All-Stars Series baseball at Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018.

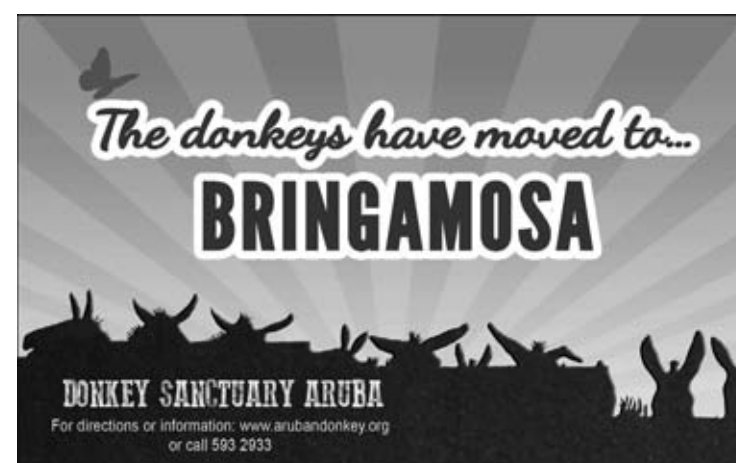
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Yanagita hits 'sayonara' HR to lift Japan over MLB

By **JIM ARMSTRONG**
AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Yuki Yanagita hit a two-run walkoff home run in the bottom of the ninth inning Friday to lift Japan to a 7-6 win over the MLB All-Stars in the opening game of a six-game exhibition series. Juan Soto, Carlos Santana and Amed Rosario had all homered to give the MLB squad a 6-4 lead but reliever Kirby Yates couldn't close out the game. "No matter how you look at it, it's tough to lose a game like that," MLB manager Don Mattingly said. "You feel like you played well enough to win ... other than that last inning I thought we played well." Tsubasa Aizawa singled in a run to cut the lead to 6-5 before Yanagita's dramatic blast to deep center before 44,943 at Tokyo Dome.

Santana hit a three-run homer in the fifth inning to give his team a 4-1 lead but Japan tied the game on a bases-clearing double by Shogo Akiyama in the bottom of the frame. Soto restored the lead for the MLB players in the sixth with an opposite-field two-run shot to left. Rosario hit a solo homer in the third inning. "Before the game, we talked about getting off to a good start to build up some confidence for the rest of the series," Akiyama said. "We never felt like we were out of it and knew if we stayed close we'd have a chance to win." The series continues this weekend with two more games in Tokyo followed by one game in Hiroshima on Tuesday and two games in Nagoya on Wednesday and Thursday. □



Mayweather takes a hit for The Money Team

By **TIM DAHLBERG**
AP Sports Columnist

It looked like easy money, and there's no one more qualified to judge that than the founder and titular head of The Money Team. But sometimes chasing a pile of cash is more difficult than it seems.

Floyd Mayweather Jr. found that out when he went looking for money in Japan. The deal, or so he thought, was to perform a three-round exhibition before what he said was a small group of wealthy spectators for "a very large fee."

Turns out Mayweather got hoodwinked. And then he quickly got out of town.

He wanted no part of a rising young Japanese kickboxing star, even though he outweighed Tenshin Nasukawa by 30 pounds. A guy could get hurt in a real fight, especially if the rules weren't all in his favor.

The problem was, Mayweather had appeared at a press conference Monday in Tokyo in which the fight was announced. He posed for pictures with Nasukawa, and talked about how their New Year's Eve

bout would be an epic event.

So he had to backpedal. And fast.

Mayweather said he was blindsided by promoters at the press conference and went along when they said the fight was scheduled, with the rules to be figured out later. He said he didn't even know who Nasukawa was.

Fair enough. But Google is available in Japan, and it didn't take Mayweather long to find out a few things about his opponent.

Or maybe he just read an Instagram post from Joe Rogan, the UFC fight announcer who knew a little more about Nasukawa.

"He's a true striking genius," Rogan said of the 20-year-old. "I doubt Floyd is going to agree to any rules that allow Tenshin to kick, but if he does, it could be a terrible night for him. This kid is the truth."

Whatever it was, Mayweather left Japan as fast as he could.

And, really, who could blame Mayweather. He's made a career — and made himself immensely wealthy — out of pick-



Floyd Mayweather, right, of the U.S. claps as Japanese kickboxer Tenshin Nasukawa strikes a pose during a press conference in Tokyo, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018.

Associated Press

ing just the right opponent at the right time and this wasn't the opponent or the time to get back in the ring. But in doing so he may have damaged his brand, if just a bit. Mayweather doesn't do contrition well, but contrite he was in a lengthy post that didn't exactly cast him in a favorable light.

"I am a retired boxer that earns an unprecedented amount of money, globally, for appearances, speaking engagements and occasional small exhibitions," Mayweather wrote. If that's so, then perhaps Manny Pacquiao better go looking for another opponent for his next fight. Actually, Pacquiao already has,

with plans to fight Adrien Broner in January.

Still there's a good chance the two could meet in May in Las Vegas in a rematch of their first fight. By then they might have made enough boxing fans forget what a snoozer the first fight was to pay big money for a rematch between two 40-something boxers. □

Kenin to open Fed Cup final for U.S. against Strycova

By **KAREL JANICEK**
Associated Press

PRAGUE (AP) — America's chances of retaining the Fed Cup this weekend improved on Friday when two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova was ruled out of the opening singles for the Czech Republic due to illness.

Kvitovsa was the second top-10 player lost to the Czechs, after Karolina Pliskova was ruled out last Saturday by calf and wrist injuries.

The Czechs won the Fed Cup in five of the previous seven years, and Kvitova contributed to each one to sit fourth among women with the most Fed Cup trophies.

But she fell ill after the WTA Finals in Singapore and didn't train this week due to a high temperature. She

still might recover in time to play the reverse singles on Sunday.

"Chances are still there (for me to play)," Kvitova said after the draw on Friday. "I'm feeling a bit better. We're going to decide (that) tomorrow."

Kvitova returned to the team this year after recovering from injuries she suffered during a knife attack at her home in December 2016. She won all four of her singles in the Fed Cup.

"It's unusual, that never happened before," captain Petr Pala said about losing his best two players. "But still I think we're the favorites. I'm still very confident about my team."

United States captain Kathy Rinaldi said she also believed in her players.

"We were preparing for everyone," she said. "The



The team of the United States, left to right, Alison Riske, Danielle Rose Collins, captain Kathy Rinaldi, Sofia Kenin and Nicole Melichar pose for a photo in Prague, Czech Republic, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 after a draw for the tennis Fed Cup Final between Czech Republic and the United States.

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Czech Republic has a long list of great players to choose from. We're ready to compete."

Rinaldi helped the U.S. last year win an 18th Fed Cup,

but first since 2000.

For this final, three U.S. players will make their Fed Cup debuts. Only Alison Riske has participated before, in three ties.

Sofia Kenin is scheduled to play Barbora Strycova in the opening singles on Saturday on an indoor hard-court at the O2 Arena.

"I'm really looking forward to the experience," the 19-year-old Kenin said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Riske was drawn to play Katerina Siniakova in the second singles. The two met three times before at WTA tournaments, with Siniakova leading 2-1.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Riske said. "We've had a great week of practice, and the pressure is on them. It will be a fun day."

Siniakova said: "I'm expecting a tough match. Every match was tough with her." In Sunday's reverse singles, Kenin will go against Siniakova, and Riske will meet Strycova. □

China unveils stealth combat drone in development

By **DAKE KANG** and **CHRISTOPHER BODEEN**

Associated Press

ZHUHAI, China (AP) — A Chinese state-owned company says it is developing a stealth combat drone in the latest sign of the country's growing aerospace prowess.

The CH-7 unmanned aerial vehicle also underscores China's growing competitiveness in the expanding global market for drones. China has won sales in the Middle East and elsewhere by offering drones at lower prices and without the political conditions attached by the U.S.

The CH-7's chief designer Shi Wen says the aircraft can "fly long hours, scout and strike the target when necessary."

"Very soon, I believe, in the next one to two years, (we) can see the CH-7 flying in the blue skies, gradually being a practical and usable product in the future," Shi told The Associated Press. Shi said manufacturer Chinese Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation plans to test fly the drone next year and begin mass production by 2022. He said the drone will likely be sold abroad but had no information on potential clients.

A model of the aircraft is being displayed at this week's Zhuhai air show in southern China, a biannual event that showcases Chi-



In this Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, file photo, China's new-generation stealth unmanned combat aircraft prototype, the CH-7, is displayed during the 12th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, also known as Airshow China 2018, in Zhuhai city, south China's Guangdong province. Associated Press

na's latest advancements in military and civilian aviation.

With a wingspan of 22 meters (72 feet) and a length of 10 meters (33 feet), the swept-wing CH-7 is the size of a combat aircraft and its single engine can propel it at roughly the speed of a commercial jet airliner.

The U.S., Russia and France are also developing stealth drones, while Israel has long been a leader in the UAV field.

However, low prices and a willingness to transfer technology have endowed China with a "strong posi-

tion," in the UAV market, said Phil Finnegan, director of corporate analysis at the Teal Group Corp. in Fairfax, Virginia.

The U.S. has been extremely cautious about selling its higher-end unmanned system, even to NATO member states, opening up an opportunity to China in the export market, said Justin Bronk, an expert on such technologies at the Royal United Services Institute for Defense and Security Studies in London.

"It would represent an area of Chinese arms export offerings which no other

country offers," Bronk said. Alongside its development of stealth fighters and commercial passenger jets, China has advanced rapidly in the development of UAVs, which have a relatively lower technological entry cost. Sales have also been boosted by the fact that China is not a signatory to the Missile Technology Control Regime that restricts exports of missiles and other unmanned weapons systems.

The numbers of drone programs unveiled in China in recent years has been "dizzying," said Sam Rog-

geveen, director of the international security program at Australia's Lowy Institute.

While the CH-7's ultimate effectiveness remains to be determined, if exported, it would "mark another step-change for China, which has traditionally not offered its cutting-edge technology to foreign customers," Roggeveen said.

Across the Middle East, countries locked out of purchasing U.S.-made drones due to rules over excessive civilian casualties are being wooed by Chinese arms dealers, now the world's main distributor of armed drones.

The sales are helping expand Chinese influence across a region crucial to American security interests and bolstering Beijing's ambitions to lead in high-tech arms sales.

While the U.S. still holds a technology advantage, China wins on price. The fact it is willing to sell the CH-7 abroad could indicate the technology is less than cutting edge, given China's desire to guard its technological edge in such areas, said Ron Huiskens, a regional security expert at Australian National University. China's exports also underscore the growing pervasiveness of drones in modern warfare, even without strong international agreements on where and how they can be used. □

Report: Google planning big New York City expansion

NEW YORK (AP) — Google is planning a major expansion in New York City, according to a report in the Wall Street Journal.

The newspaper reported Wednesday that the company plans to add space for more than 12,000 additional New York workers. The Journal cited anonymous people familiar with the plans.

The paper said Google has New York real estate deals in the works that would give it room for nearly 20,000 workers. Those include buying or leasing



In this Dec. 4, 2017 file photo, people walk by Google offices in New York. The Wall Street Journal reports that Google is planning a major expansion in New York City.

Associated Press

a 1.3 million-square-foot building in the city's West Village neighborhood due to be completed by 2022. A Google spokesperson said the company had no comment on the Journal report. The reported expansion of Google's workforce would almost match the 25,000 employees that Seattle-based Amazon is reportedly considering bring to New York's Long Island City as part of its own highly publicized search for new office locations. Amazon would also reportedly add another 25,000

jobs to a location in Crystal City in northern Virginia near Washington, D.C. New York and Washington, like other major cities with existing clusters of highly educated workers, research universities and other successful technology companies, are increasingly in demand as companies like Google and Amazon expand. That creates a positive feedback loop that benefits these municipalities and concentrates opportunity in ways that risk leaving other parts of the country behind. □

Stocks skid as oil plunge continues; tech sector also falls

By MARLEY JAY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are falling Friday as technology and internet companies take steep losses.

Energy companies are also lower as crude oil heads for its 10th drop in a row. The price of oil has been falling steadily since early October and is now trading at its lowest price since April, causing steep losses for energy companies in recent weeks.

Stocks have fallen over the last two days but are still on track for strong weekly gains.

Bond prices rose, sending yields lower.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index dropped 31 points, or 1.1 percent, to 2,775 as of noon Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 227 points, or 0.9 percent, to 25,965. The Nasdaq composite fell 136 points, or 1.8 percent, to 7,393. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies gave up 27 points, or 1.7 percent, to 1,551.

Even after falling on Thursday and Friday, the S&P



Specialist James Denaro works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018. Associated Press

500 is still up 1.9 percent this week. It rose 2.4 percent last week but would need to gain another 5.6 percent to reach the all-time high it set on Sept. 20.

GAME OVER? Video game maker Activision Blizzard tumbled after its forecast for the critical holiday season fell short of analysts' projections. The stock fell 10.8 percent to \$56.04,

and Take-Two Interactive lost 5.8 percent to \$112.20. Other technology and internet companies also turned lower. Apple fell 2.4 percent to \$203.39 and Google's parent company Alphabet shed 1.9 percent to \$1,073. Amazon lost 2 percent to \$1,719.

OIL SKID: Benchmark U.S. crude lost 1.1 percent to \$60.04 a barrel in New York.

After peaking at \$76.41 a barrel in early October, near a four-year high, U.S. crude has tumbled 21 percent to its lowest price since March. Brent crude, used to price international oils, has fared almost as badly. On Friday it declined 1 percent to \$69.91 a barrel in London.

Energy companies have done far worse than the

rest of the market over the last few months. Over the last 30 days, the S&P 500 index of energy companies has fallen 12 percent, while the broader S&P 500 is down about 3 percent.

Natural gas prices jumped 6 percent to \$3.76 per 1,000 cubic feet. That helped gas companies stem their losses.

YELP OF PAIN: Online reviews company Yelp nosedived after it posted weak third-quarter revenue and its forecast for the fourth quarter also fell short of Wall Street's estimates. The company said part of the problem is an advertising model that is intended to encourage advertisers to try the site without signing a long-term contract. Yelp said that has made its results more sensitive to short-term problems. Its stock fell 28.5 percent to \$31.09.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE ... A PILE OF CASH: Walt Disney's net earnings were better than expected, as the entertainment giant raked in revenue from movies including "Avengers: Infinity War," "Incredibles 2" and the "Ant-Man" sequel. □

US wholesale prices jump 0.6 percent, most in 6 years

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. wholesale prices rose by the most in six years last month, led higher by more expensive gas, food, and chemicals.

The Labor Department said Friday that the producer price index — which measures price increases before they reach the consumer — leapt 0.6 percent in October, after a smaller 0.2 percent rise in September. Producer prices increased 2.9 percent from a year earlier.

Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, core wholesale prices rose 0.5 percent in October and 2.6 percent from a year earlier.

Despite last month's increase, the figures suggest

inflation pressures are mostly in check. The year-over-year price increase is lower than it was in the summer, when it topped 3 percent. And oil prices declined in October, which will likely to lower gas costs in the coming months.

The Federal Reserve is keeping a close eye on price changes as it monitors the economy for signs of overheating. The unemployment rate is at a five-decade low of 3.7 percent and companies are raising wages and salaries to attract and keep workers. Average hourly pay rose in October from a year earlier at the fastest pace in nearly a decade.

Companies may have to raise prices to offset the costs of higher pay, which could spur higher inflation.

But businesses could also invest in more machinery and software to make their employees more efficient, which would enable them to pay more without raising prices.

Fed policymakers finished a two-day meeting Thursday without changing the short-term interest rate they control.

But most economists expect the Fed will hike short-term rates for a fourth time this year when it meets next in December. The Fed has signaled it expects to raise rates three more times next year.

After its meeting Thursday, the Fed issued a statement that suggested it saw little sign that inflation would accelerate beyond its 2 percent target. Consumer prices rose 2.3 percent in



In this Sept. 17, 2018, file photo tomatoes go through a washing process at the Los Gatos Tomato Products plant in Huron, Calif. Associated Press

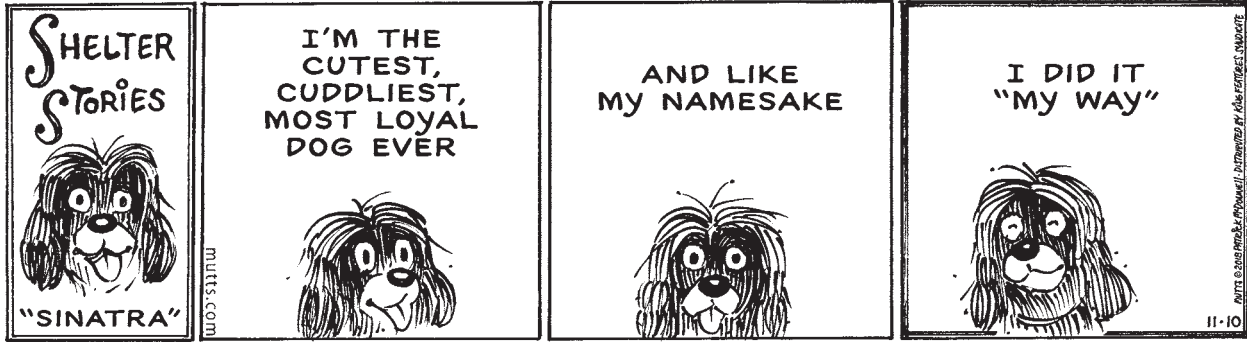
September from a year earlier.

Friday's report showed that wholesale gas prices rose 7.6 in October and food costs increased 1 percent. The price of new cars fell 0.7 percent, as automakers introduced their new car models last month. Newer cars typically include additional features and the government reflects that by lowering its measure of auto prices. □

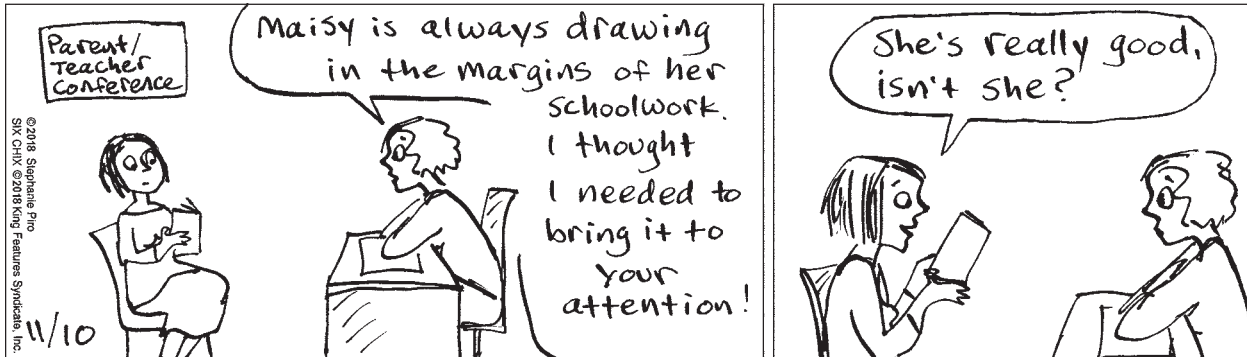
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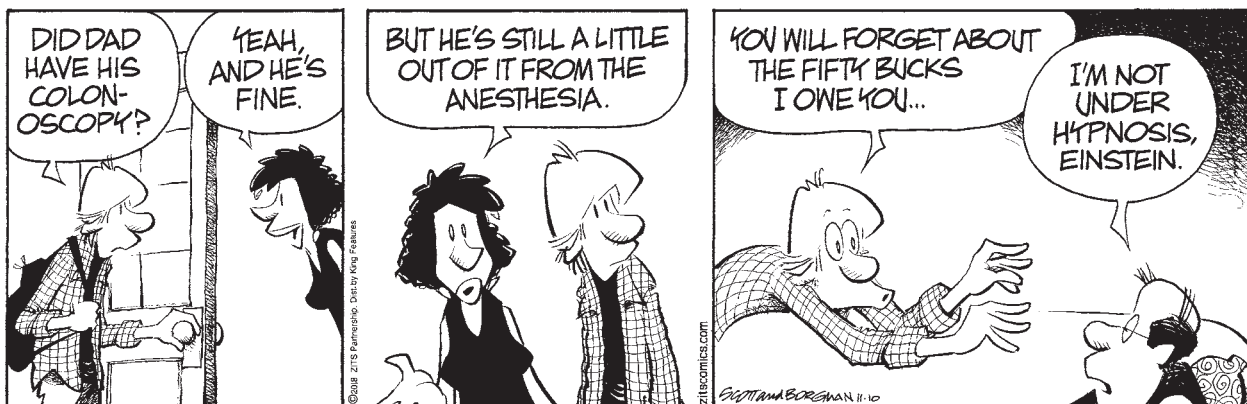
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

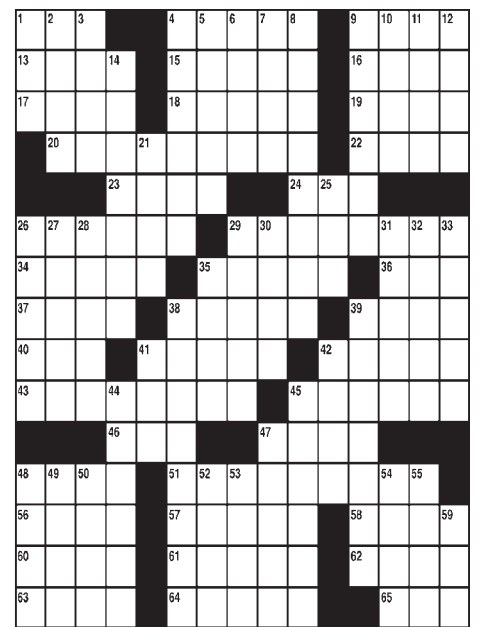
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US, British war dead honored at site where Revolution began

By WILLIAM J. KOLE
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The British are coming again — this time in friendship.

A memorial honoring fallen soldiers from the U.S. and Britain is being dedicated this month, and the venue couldn't be more ironic: Boston's historic Old North Church, where the American Revolution pitting rebellious colonists against English troops basically began.

"It's the one place in Boston where you wouldn't expect this to happen," said Simon Boyd, a British-born real estate executive and Royal Air Force veteran leading the initiative.

On April 18, 1775, two lanterns were displayed from the steeple of the church — a prearranged signal from Paul Revere that the British were heading to Lexington and Concord by sea across the Charles River rather than by land. That event, immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's epic poem, "Paul Revere's Ride," ignited the war of independence from Britain. But Old North Church, Boston's oldest surviving house of worship and the city's most-visited historical site, since has become a symbol of Anglo-American affection.

Every year on the Sunday closest to Nov. 11 — the date World War I ended in 1918 — the church built in 1723 has held a special remembrance service for Britons living in or near Boston, complete with bagpipes and poppies. This year's commemoration will fall precisely on the 100th anniversary of the bloody Great War's end.

Since 2005, Old North Church also has hosted a touching tribute to American troops killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. In the courtyard of the church, jingling like wind chimes, hang nearly 7,000 blank military dog tags — one set of tags for every U.S. life lost.

The new memorial, a bronze wreath, will honor British and other Common-



In this Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018 photo, blank military dog tags hang in a memorial honoring fallen soldiers from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, on the grounds of Old North Church, in Boston.

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wealth forces who perished alongside U.S. forces in both campaigns. And a bronze plaque will explain the meaning of the dog tags to the hundreds of thousands of visitors who pause to pay homage each year while walking Boston's Freedom Trail — a 2.5-mile (4-kilometer) route that takes visitors past the church, Revere's house and other historic landmarks.

"We once were enemies, but we've long since gotten over that," said the Rev. Stephen Ayres, vicar of Old North Church. "We're now a go-to church for the British community in Boston. That's part of the improbability and wonder of Old North."

Bruce Brooksbank, the Iraq-Afghanistan memorial's volunteer caretaker, remembers how soldiers in the 1960s and '70s were disrespected when they returned home from Vietnam.

"This is my own little chance to make amends," he said. Fittingly, two top soldiers from both countries will join forces on Nov. 17 to unveil the wreath and plaque, both paid for by The Soldiers Fund, a Boston-based nonprofit that supports U.S. and British soldiers, veterans and their families.

Retired Gen. Martin Dempsey, a former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff under President Barack Obama who now oversees USA Basketball,

and retired Gen. Sir Mike Jackson, who held the highest post in the British Army from 2003-2006 and now is president of Britain's Army Benevolent Fund, will preside over the unveiling. Both will speak at a Soldiers Fund dinner in Boston that evening.

There's another tie that binds, said Boyd, who chairs the board of the Soldiers Fund: In 1917, Massachusetts sent one of the largest U.S. regiments to fight in WWI, naively dubbed "the war to end all wars."

"We're commemorating British and American lives lost, at a church where Paul Revere said with his lanterns that the British were coming," he said. "It's really all kind of come full circle." □

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Bolivian observatory collects data as glaciers melt

By CARLOS VALDEZ

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — The snow appears to be pristine on the Andean peaks that loom above Bolivia's capital, but even here ash and smog reach up to a remote plateau that is home to the world's highest atmospheric observatory.

It's an ideal site for a team of international scientists who collect data on pollution that has contributed to the rapid disappearance of Andean glaciers.

Research at the Chacaltaya station, which is located at 17,192 feet (5,240 meters) above sea level, has a pressing urgency: The retreat of glaciers, which is compounded by global warming, threatens the main source of fresh water for residents in the nearby cities of EL Alto and La Paz — and the crops on which they rely.

"If temperatures continue to rise, these high-altitude glaciers will also lose their mass of ice and there will only be snow on the summit," said glaciologist Patrick Ginot. "This will happen all along the Andes."



In this Oct. 8, 2018 photo, shows the entrance to the Chacaltaya atmospheric observatory, at Chacaltaya mountain, Bolivia.

Associated Press

Last year, Ginot was part of a team of scientists that transported chunks of ice from a melting Bolivian glacier to Antarctica to be preserved for posterity and future study as part of a global project called "Ice Memory."

The Chacaltaya station is an important place to collect data samples partly

due to its own location on the remnants of a glacier. The glacier, which is thought to be about 18,000 years old, once served as the site of Bolivia's only ski resort before it melted a decade ago.

Initially, the station was launched as a cosmic ray observatory in the mid-1940s, when just hauling up

heavy scientific instruments on the back of llamas was a feat in itself. But Chacaltaya's altitude and location near the Amazon region — and its proximity to Bolivia's capital city — eventually led scientists to obtain information about the pollution released from the burning of forests, coal, oil and gas. In 2012, the site became an

atmospheric station used to measure greenhouse gases, reactive gases and particles that can spread all the way to the Pacific Ocean hundreds of miles away. Its altitude is only rivaled by a station recently built by China on the Quinhai-Tibet plateau near Mt. Everest which sits at 17,060 feet (5,200 meters).

Chacaltaya, which means 'Cold Road' in Aymara, is jointly funded and managed by groups from the United States and Europe, and the initiative is led by Universidad Mayor de San Andres in La Paz.

James Butler, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's global monitoring division, said the samples taken and observations made "are not influenced by local emissions or similar influences."

"Upward looking observations from a mountaintop also provide a much better picture of changes in the stratosphere than do observations from lower elevations, because interference in the signal is greatly reduced," he said. □

Appeals court puts youth climate change lawsuit on hold



In this July 18, 2018, file photo, lawyers and youth plaintiffs lineup behind a banner after a hearing before Federal District Court Judge Ann Aiken between lawyers for the Trump Administration and the so called Climate Kids in Federal Court in Eugene, Ore.

Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A lawsuit by a group of young Americans, which asserts the U.S. government is harming them by having created a national energy system that causes climate change, is on hold again after a federal appeals court Thursday granted the Trump administration's motion for a temporary stay. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals gave the parties 15 days to respond to the administration's petition for a writ of mandamus -- a rarely used judicial appeal that asks a higher court to overrule a lower one before the conclusion of a case. The constitutional climate lawsuit was brought by 21 young Americans in 2015 and is supported by Our Children's Trust. Trial was supposed to have begun in federal court in Eugene, Oregon, in late October but was delayed when the U.S. Supreme

Court temporarily put the trial on hold. Then, on Nov. 2, the Supreme Court declined to stop the lawsuit but told the Trump administration that the government can still petition a lower court to dismiss the case as the government had asked the high court to do. The case was brought by 21 young people, aged 11 to 22, who argue that government officials have known for more than 50 years that carbon pollution from fossil fuels was causing climate change and that policies on oil and gas deprive them of life, liberty and property.

"Given the urgency of climate change, we hope the Ninth Circuit will recognize the importance to these young Americans of having a prompt trial date," said Philip Gregory, co-counsel for the young plaintiffs. U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken met in Eugene

with the parties Thursday and indicated she would promptly set a trial date once the appeals court lifts its temporary stay, according to Meg Ward, a spokeswoman for the plaintiffs.

The young plaintiffs also accuse the government of failing to protect natural resources as a "public trust" for future generations. The lawsuit wants a court to order the government to take action to quickly phase out carbon dioxide emissions to a certain level by 2100 and develop a national climate recovery plan. The federal government, under both the Obama and Trump administrations, has tried repeatedly to get the case dismissed. Trump administration lawyers have argued that the lawsuit seeks to direct federal environmental and energy policies through the courts instead of through the political process. □

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With 'Youngblood,' 5 Seconds of Summer reach new heights

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — 5 Seconds of Summer were already in shock when their album beat out Beyonce and Jay-Z for the top spot on the Billboard 200 chart this summer. But having their single "Youngblood" reach the No. 1 spot on the pop songs chart and become an international smash hit has the band in awe.

"We really didn't expect this," said singer-guitarist Michael Clifford of the Australian rock-pop band, which includes Luke Hemmings, Calum Hood and Ashton Irwin.

"Youngblood" recently spent five weeks at No. 1 on the pop songs charts, which tracks Top 40 radio airplay. The track is spending its seventh week in the Top 10 on the all-genre Hot 100 chart, where rap songs have heavily dominated in the last year.

Clifford calls the hit song "authentically us" and said it allows fans to "see the real version of ourselves and our music in a very bold way than what we've delivered in other songs."

"You can never predict the success of a song — you



In this Oct. 18, 2018 photo, members of the band 5 Seconds of Summer, from left, Calum Hood, Ashton Irwin, Luke Hemmings and Michael Clifford pose at Capitol Records in Los Angeles to promote their third album "Youngblood."

Associated Press

can only hope," he added. The band's impressive year kicked off when "Youngblood," also the title of their latest album, outsold Beyonce and Jay-Z's "Everything Is Love," giving the band their third No. 1 album on Billboard's 200 albums chart.

Clifford admits the band was worried when the superstar duo released their

album as a surprise a day after 5SOS' album.

"It was incredibly scary for us," Clifford said. "But our fans really rallied behind us. They knew what it meant to us. We've always been kind of underdogs. But we were able to show on a large scale, a large platform that we can perform. We also showed that 5 Seconds of Summer mean business."

They followed the success with an extensive tour — which wraps on Nov. 19 in Madrid — playing "Youngblood" to thousands of fans as the song continued to climb the charts.

5SOS initially planned to release an album last year but held off to "perfect" a new sound. "Youngblood" comes three years after 2015's "Sounds Good Feels

Good." The band's self-titled debut was released in 2014.

"You write different songs when you're 16 or 17 to when you're 22 or 23," said Hemmings, who sings and plays guitar. "I think our fans were the same age as us when we came out. I think they grew up with us. I think, in a way, we have similar tastes. We were trying to find something that would define ourselves as men like in our 20s. I think people have responded to that."

Each band member was a solo artist before they formed the group in 2011. The foursome posted videos on YouTube of themselves covering songs by Ed Sheeran, Blink-182 and Chris Brown, garnering millions of views.

Their successful grassroots movement afforded them an opportunity to tour with One Direction in 2013, which gave them their first claim to fame. At the time, the group said it was a "huge risk" by leaving the comforts of Australia, where they had already built a good support base. But Clifford adds that the band always knew they would make it. □

Adriana Lima thanks crowd at final Victoria's Secret show

By ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — An emotional Adriana Lima bowed her head in thanks and crossed her hands over her heart as she made her 18th and final runway walk in the annual holiday Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, her long white feather "angel wings" gently blowing as the crowd cheered.

A tribute video played Thursday during taping of the extravaganza, declaring Lima "the greatest angel of all time" while Fatboy Slim's "Praise You" played.

The show will be broadcast Dec. 2 on ABC and in 190 countries around the world. The Struts, Shawn Mendes, The Chainsmokers, Rita Ora, Bebe Rexha, Kelsea Ballerini and Halsey performed on the runway at

a downtown Manhattan venue as 60 models strutted, including sisters Bella and Gigi Hadid, Kendall Jenner and Winnie Harlow. Ora briefly walked hand-in-hand with one of the angels during her performance and a stage hand later fetched a piece of her gold jewelry that fell to the runway. Mendes was dressed in black and slung his acoustic guitar on his back as he sang while Gigi Hadid managed a huge parachute-like set of floral wings that caught the air like a massive windsock. He sang "Lost in Japan."

Jenner took to the runway in a black and silver bikini look and a set of stiff black feathers adorned with glitzy stars. For another round on the catwalk, she donned a tiny plaid kilt skirt with a mis-



Adriana Lima appears backstage during hair and makeup at the 2018 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show at Pier 94 on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

matched plaid train and bra as she smiled. Harlow, a newcomer to the show, walked in sparkly silver with pink feather adornment. Backstage before the show, the 37-year-old Lima, a mother of two, and other models lounged in short

black robes bedazzled with gold stars. They spoke to journalists while sitting at makeup stations and lounging on couches.

"I thought over the years I would get more relaxed," the blue-eyed Brazilian beauty told The Associated

Press as stylists worked on her long dark hair. "No, I still get nervous, just like at my first Victoria's Secret show." Another angel mom, 30-year-old Namibian blonde Behati Prinsloo, smiled wide as she primped backstage. Prinsloo, who is married to Adam Levine, has been an angel since 2009 but this was her return to the show after two years off, just eight months after the birth of their second daughter.

"It's such an honor to just be part of it yet again after having kids," she said.

Giving birth gave her extra confidence, Prinsloo said.

"It made me work a little harder," she said. "It made me appreciate my body so much, what it can do, create life and then, honestly, get back and do this." □

Latest 'Fantastic Beasts' is a mixed bag of wonders

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

Like the bottomless trunk totted by "magizoolologist" Newt Scamander, "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" is a mixed bag of wonders. Newt (Eddie Redmayne) can reach into his suitcase and, like Mary Poppins before him, pull out just about anything. And it sometimes feels as though J.K. Rowling — a screenwriter here for the second time — is similarly infatuated by her unending powers of conjuring. In this overstuffed second film in the five-part Harry Potter prequel series, every solved mystery unlocks another, every story begets still more. Narratives multiply like randy Nifflers (one of the many species of creature in Newt's bag). The usual problem for spinoffs is their thinness or their unfulfilled justification — especially ones that stretch an already much-stretched tale. (There were eight Potter movies.) But neither are issues in the two "Fantastic Beasts" films, each directed by former "Potter" hand



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Johnny Depp in a scene from "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald."

Associated Press

David Yates. Both movies are rooted in purpose. "The Crimes of Grindelwald," especially, is an impressively dark and urgent parable of supremacist ideology aimed squarely at today's demagogues of division. And neither film lacks in density of detail, character or story.

No, the only real crime of "Grindelwald" is its sheer abundance. In zipping from New York to London to Paris (with ministries of magic in each locale), this latest chapter in Rowling's pre-Potter saga feels so eager to be outside the walls of Hogwarts (which also get a cameo) that it resists ever

settling anywhere, or with any of its widely scattered characters — among them Newt, the conscientious dark magic investigator Tina (Katherine Waterston), the New Yorker no-maj Jacob (Dan Fogler), Tina's sister and Jacob's sweetheart Queenie (Alison Sudol) and the haunted former

schoolmate of Newt's, Leta Lestrange (Zoe Kravitz). No one does the foreboding sense of a looming battle better than Rowling. Now, it's the rise of Gellert Grindelwald (Johnny Depp), freshly escaped from prison, who casts a lengthening shadow over the land. With a blond shock of hair and a ghostly white face, Grindelwald is Rowling's magical version of a white nationalist, only he believes in the elevation of wizards — "purebloods" — over those who lack magical powers, or "no-majes." It's 1927 and the dark clouds of fascism are swirling; World War II feels right around the corner. In one the movie's many tricks, Grindelwald drapes Paris in black fabric, like a wannabe Christo. Despite the gathering storm, the pacifist Newt (Redmayne, cloyingly shy), resists drawing battle lines. When pushed by his brother Theseus (Callum Turner), who like Tina is an "Auror" who enforces magic law, Newt responds: "I don't do sides." □

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Ace of Cups, 60's all-women band, make timely debut



This cover image released by High Moon Records shows the self-titled album for Ace of Cups.

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By PABLO GORONDI
Ace of Cups, "Ace of Cups" (High Moon Records)
The all-female Ace of Cups was part of the late '60s psychedelic scene in San Francisco, opening for Jimi Hendrix and The Band but without ever recording an album. Until now, over 50 years later. "It's Bad for You but Buy It!"

— a collection of old demos, rehearsals and live performances — was issued in Britain in the 2000's but this self-titled double album is their studio debut and it's an emotional, absorbing experience. Helmed by producer Dan Shea (Mariah Carey, Celine Dion), four of the original five band members — Mary Gannon, Denise Kaufman, Mary Simpson and Diane Vitalich — show how sharp their instrumental, songwriting and vocal chops still are. The songs, nearly all written by Kaufman or Gannon, are brimming with appealing harmonies and range from energetic rockers like "Feel Good" and "Circles" to blues ("Mama's Love"), country ("On the Road") and folk ("Macushla/The-lina"), with some psyche-

delic and progressive influences also in the mix. Bill Withers' "Grandma's Hands" is a tribute to past generations but also about their own family roles. Guests include Taj Mahal, Bob Weir, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Jack Casady, Jorma Kaukonen, Charlie Musselwhite and Peter Coyote, all making distinguished contributions. The album comes with detailed notes to each song and the story behind "Stones," with lyrics now reworked to reflect Kaufman's harrowing experience at the deadly 1969 Altamont concert, is quite distressing and very unflattering to the event's headliners, the Rolling Stones. Hearing "Ace of Cups," one can imagine what the band may have sounded like all those decades ago.

Son of Beatles' producer dives into the messy 'White Album'

By MARK KENNEDY

NEW YORK (AP) — Hardcore fans of the Beatles like to pore over every detail of the band and endlessly dissect their songs. Then there's Giles Martin, who manages to time travel to meet the Fab Four.

Martin is the son of legendary Beatles producer George Martin, and he's lately been returning to the treasure trove of original recording sessions to remix key albums by John, Paul, George and Ringo.

"It's really nerve-wracking because it's a legacy of music which is really important," the soft-spoken Martin said. "What I do is make sure I provide the fans — and people who don't even know the Beatles — with music that's worth listening to and is interesting." Martin last year remixed

"Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and this year resurfaces with a fascinating and exhaustive look at "The Beatles," better known as the "White Album," which contains such classics as "Back in the U.S.S.R.," "Blackbird" and "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da." It coincides with celebrations for the album's 50th birthday.

Besides punchier, remixed versions of the 30 songs on the original double album, the anniversary package includes 27 acoustic demos of material the Beatles made at Harrison's house before going into the studio and 50 studio outtakes, including the unreleased "Not Guilty," a studio jam of "Blue Moon" and early versions of "Let It Be," "Lady



In this Feb. 10, 2008 file photo, Beatles producer George Martin, left, and his son Giles Martin appear in the press room with their awards for best compilation soundtrack and best surround sound album for "Love" at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Madonna" and "Across the Universe," which would appear on other albums.

Martin was tapped by the surviving Beatles and the wives of Harrison and Lennon to rummage around in Abbey Road Studios in London and re-listen to everything, including abandoned songs and rehearsals.

That meant going through 107 takes of "Sexy Sadie," dozens of versions of both "I'm So Tired" and "Long, Long, Long" and a 13-minute "Helter Skelter." It meant hearing the Beatles discuss songs, joke and even order lunch. (You can hear Harrison at one point from the studio order a "cheese, lettuce, Marmite sandwich.") Martin couldn't help using

a Beatles reference to explain what his goals are: "I'm sort of trying to peel back the layers — the glass onion, if you like. I peel back the layers so you get to hear what I can hear at Abbey Road."

Among the gems in the box set is an unrecorded Lennon song called "Child of Nature" that will later morph into his solo hit "Jealous Guy" and also a very cool "Good Night" stripped of the orchestrations it got on the "White Album." You can hear "Happiness Is a Warm Gun" start out life as quite gentle before ending up on the "White Album" like a template for Frank Zappa. The Beatles worked through the summer of 1968, often in exhausting

all-night sessions. Martin says the multiple takes for many songs may be because the band had largely stopped performing live. "I think the most revealing thing for me working on the 'White Album' is just how creative they were, all of the time," said Martin. "It's almost like the studio couldn't handle the level of demand that they wanted to do and the amount of songs they wanted to record."

Martin's father was heavily involved in the Beatles' prior album, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," and was even lauded as the architect of their sound. But the Fab Four came together for the recording of the "White Album" in the

summer of 1968 with a different goal in mind.

"They didn't want an architect. They wanted to build an album from the bricks up and without any real idea about what it was going to be," said Martin. "They indulged themselves because they knew that each member of the band would make the song better."

William Moylan, a professor of music and sound recording technology at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, said the recording of the "White Album" found the members of the Beatles at a crossroads.

"It's really where the Beatles are exploring their own individuality and they're still working off the collective. They're coming out of 'Sgt. Pepper's' and they're coming out of 'Magical Mystery Tour' and they're coming out of the psychedelia," Moylan said. "They're branching out, into popular music, into musical theater, back to rock, even Tin Pan Alley-type pieces."

The accepted wisdom when it comes to the "White Album" is that it was a rocky time for the band, which was disintegrating. Starr quit and walked out for an 11-day period. Critics have called the record a mess — a brilliant mess, of course — with each member often delivering solo songs.

But, like a polite Moses coming down from the mountain with the original tablets, Martin disagrees. He believes some of those interpretations to be exaggerated. □

'Sea of Greed' will have readers turning the pages

By JEFF AYERS

Associated Press

"Sea of Greed" (G.P. Putnam's Sons), by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown "Sea of Greed," the latest entry in the NUMA Files series, pits Kurt Austin and his colleagues against a seemingly unstoppable enemy. Austin runs the Special Assignments team for the National Underwater and Marine Agency (NUMA). He's working near the Gulf

of Mexico with Joe Zavala, his partner and best friend, when they hear a loud explosion from over 12 miles away.

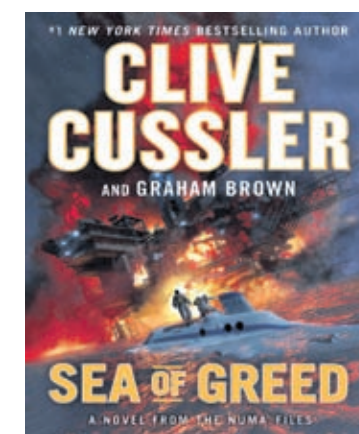
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This cover image released by G. P. Putnam's Sons shows "Sea of Greed," by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown.

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